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Red Sox Visit Riverside Park



CARMEN & ERIC SMITH received a big thrill when Boston Red Sox rookie manager Butch Hobson (right) and shortstop Tim Naehring posed for pictures when signing autographs at Riverside Park on July 30th. MORE PHOTOS IN SPORTS SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Councilors Remain At Odds...

Divided Town Council Says Rift Over Health Dept. Clouds Future

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The meeting of July 20th for the Agawam Town Council opened a political watershed for the community.

That was the night when the council voted 6-5 to nix \$22,500 from the town's Health Department budget. This in turn forced the removal of sanitation inspector Casimir Tryba from the \$31,500 job he had held for the past 12 years by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

And since that time, the entire 11-member council has twisted and turned in a series of charges and counter-charges that has caused a 6-5 split that some councilors maintain may last for some time.

The six councilors who voted for the Health Dept. cut included Thomas Ennis, Richard Brindle, Edward Caba, James Taylor, Jessie Fuller, and George Bitzas.

Those against were Gary Suffriti, Louis Russo, Walter Balboni, Nancy Gravel, and council President Joanne Willis.

Up Front And Personal

Since that vote on July 20th over three weeks ago, the division on the council turned personal and even ugly at times. And few councilors are optimistic about the immediate future of the council as a functioning board.

SEE RIFT - Page 2...

Tense Council Sets Hearing Date On Health Dept.

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

After a short and surly discussion, Town Councilors Monday evening set a public hearing date for Monday, August 31st on the summer's hottest political issue.

Councilors will hear the concerns of residents over an 11th hour budget cut that forced the nixing of sanitation officer Casimir Tryba from the position he held in the Health Department for the past 12 years. The meeting was disrupted several times as tempers flared before a compromise could be reached.

The controversy began after councilors voted 6-5 on July 20th to slash \$22,500 from the Health Department budget on a motion made by Councilor Thomas Ennis.

Tryba had received \$31,500 for his position which primarily dealt with enforcing safety and sanitation codes on the 160 food dispensers in the community. Critics of Tryba's nixing say there will no longer be the same food standards in the community due to Tryba's sudden departure.

Received Walking Papers

When Mayor Christopher C. Johnson failed to veto the council's action and restore the money that would maintain the personnel structure in the Health Department, Tryba received his walking papers. This in turn caused some angry residents to demand a council public hearing on the cut.

A petition with 66 signatures was filed with Town Clerk Richard Theroux to force the council to declare a hearing with a 90 day period. Council President Joanne Willis called Monday night's special meeting so the hearing could be held as soon as possible.

Mrs. Willis sought the council's regular meeting of September 8th for the hearing. But after tempers flared in a rather confusing debate over council procedure, it was unanimously decided that this Monday night (August 31st) would air the issue and not the September 8th date suggested by Mrs. Willis.

SEE PUBLIC HEARING - continued on Page 2...

Dinner/Dance For Michael Pietroniro

A Dinner/Dance for the Michael Pietroniro Trust Fund will be held Thursday, August 27th, at Chez Josef. Donation is \$25 per ticket. For info, call 789-1529 or 786-2709. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

Back To School Issue

Our ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE, featuring the Agawam School Committee Report and School Bus Schedules will be published on Thursday, August 27th. All the info you need to know about the opening of school on September 2nd will be included, as well as some of our own special features. Deadline is Tuesday at noon-time, but we would appreciate any early-birds. Thank-you.

COUNCIL RIFT - from Page 1...

Council President Joanne Willis told us, "I think that until the Health Department issue is settled, it will be difficult for us to work cooperatively."

Council Vice-President Richard Brindle agreed. "Who knows what the final decision will be (on the Health Department cut). It has split the council and will stay that way for the rest of the year."

Brindle added, "The house is divided and we are going to fall."

Councilor George Bitzas is happy a public hearing on the cut is being held on August 31st, instead of the council's September 8th meeting.

"People have a right to ask for a public hearing. The people have a right to ask for it so why wait?"

Bitzas charged the five councilors who voted against the cut have divided the council and continue to widen the rift. "The other side is making all the noise. This is just an issue we have to work out. We shouldn't be divided over one issue."

Councilor Walter Balboni hopes the council can resume a cooperative attitude "for the sake of the community. We are divided now and I hope it doesn't last. We will have to see what happens."

Another councilor who feels the rift will affect the council's ability to function for the remainder of the year is Louis Russo. Russo, who has been particularly outspoken on this issue, said, "As long as there are six councilors who continue to do the Mayor's (Johnson) bidding, we cannot be a whole council. Those of us who work in the best interest of Agawam will not be deterred by the others."

Councilor James Taylor told us he is tired of the Health Dept. controversy, adding "I really haven't thought about the council being divided. We just disagree over this issue."

Councilor Edward Caba said he supported the public hearing on August 31st to expedite the airing of the cut as soon as possible. "The people

have a right to know what they want to know."

Not Good For Town

Regarding the differences between councilors, Caba noted, "There is nothing the council is together on right now. Differences sometimes can create a good thing but not this time. This isn't good for the Town of Agawam. We cannot continue the way we are going. Hopefully, we can only go up from here."

Addressing any current fears about the Health Department's capacity to handle its workload, Councilor Jessie Fuller told us, "The present Health Board can take care of any problems. The community nurse goes to the elderly and handles the job. That is not going to be affected. This cut will save the town money and that is the important factor."

Regarding the layoff of Tryba, Mrs. Fuller said, "It is too bad. If we had fired someone I could see having a public hearing. But he was laid off and they have made it a political issue."

Critical Of Council President

Mrs. Fuller, who was removed as council president earlier this year, was critical of how Mrs. Willis is running the council. "The council leadership isn't there. If you can't control people, then you shouldn't be council president. It isn't an easy job but you had better do it. The council president shouldn't show any partiality and should stand firm without any assertions, one way or another."

Councilor Nancy Gravel gave Mrs. Willis high marks. She said the council's battle over setting a public hearing on the cut is a continuation of the bad blood flowing between councilors. "We are all public servants. We need to legislate what is good for the people of this town."

Councilor Gary Suffriti, another outspoken critic of the health cut, noted, "I still hope this can be worked out. I would like to see issues addressed on their merits and not based on personalities. The current division on the council certainly does not benefit the people of Agawam."

PUBLIC HEARING - from Page 1...

Town Councilor George Bitzas made the motion for the hearing to be held on August 31st. Councilor Edward A. Caba also pushed for the August 31st date and was ruled out of order by Mrs. Willis. Ennis immediately challenged her ruling and then Caba and Mrs. Willis, along with several others, became embroiled in a procedural debate that saw tempers flare before the August 31st date was agreed on.

Councilor Louis Russo demanded that all councilors appear for the August 31st hearing so that residents could get to the bottom of the controversy.

Mrs. Willis said that if those councilors who voted for the cut had explained their position several weeks ago, there would have been no need for residents to demand an open hearing on the issue.

The public hearing in no way can force the council to take further action on restoring the \$22,500 to the Health Department budget. Even if a majority of the council supports restoration of the funds, only Mayor Johnson can authorize a transfer from the Reserve Account.

Need Six Councilors

Johnson said in a published report that if six councilors consent to this, he will follow through and request the transfer from the council. The Mayor did add, however, that he thought this to be an unlikely scenario.

Councilors have been battling back and forth for weeks over this issue and no let-up is in sight.

Last week it was also announced that Tryba has attained legal counsel for possible court action against the town.

LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 8th, 1992, upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Co. dated August 4, 1992 for permission to: place buried cable in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding

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Petition No.: Drg. No. 1319; Street: Shoemaker Lane

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Article 8, Section B, Group Petition, of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 31, 1992 at 7:30 P.M., at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in response to a group petition received by the Town Clerk regarding the elimination of the Town's Food Sanitation Inspector's position.

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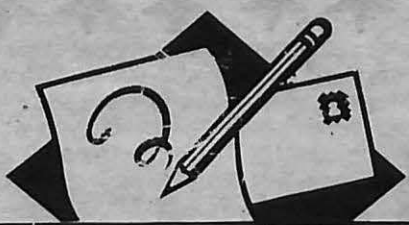
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Letters To The Editor

Flag Flying At Half-Mast Tribute To Lisa Ziegert

To The Editor:

Many evenings this summer, as I walk down Springfield Street after work, I have taken notice of one great symbol of honor.

The symbol of honor I refer to is our police station flag, which has been at half-mast since April, in honor of our beloved community member, Lisa Ziegert.

To me, it is a visual symbol which delivers a spiritual message; Do not forget your neighbor, Lisa, and what she stood for.

In making an analogy to the recently concluded Olympic Games, perhaps we can think of ourselves as members of Lisa's team. As members of her team, we must work toward the things that she strongly took part in.

Namely, to give quality time and attention to our children, to ensure them a good education, and to show kindness and decency to all people in general.

As many of us know, gold medals are awarded to outstanding performers in the Olympic Games. If gold medals were awarded to outstanding performers in the game of Life, surely one would go to Lisa Ziegert.

Randy Carpenter
775 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills

Sacred Heart AA Thanks Businesses For Support

To The Editor:

Sacred Heart Athletic Association would like to say thank you to the following businesses who sponsored teams during the 1992 season.

Your support is greatly appreciated, especially during these difficult times.

Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Soda & Pet Food City, John's Trucking, Agawam Lions Club, Heritage Hall, S.T.A.R.T., Dreyer Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Olympic Fasteners.

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Kinsley Trucking, Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart, Brian L. David, C.P.A., Colonial Funeral Home, Polish American Bingo, Park West Bank & Trust Co., Lloyd Construction Co., Ltd., Valley View Association, Inc., Bolduc's, Westfield Savings Bank.

Sacred Heart Athletic Assoc.
Executive Board

Letting Go Of Sanitarian Travesty For Community

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter as a long time member of the Agawam Board of Health and someone who has worked with Mr. Cas Tryba for years.

I have always found him to be very efficient and hard working. He was constantly in search of new and better ways to serve the health needs of the people of Agawam.

Last year, when magazines were warning of the possible link between childhood leukemia and the nearness of high voltage power lines near schools and play areas, he went throughout the town checking schools and parks for their proximity to such lines.

He instituted an award program for restaurants that rated superior during inspections. He was already thinking years ahead; he wanted to institute a training and education program for restaurant managers to help them with their desire to provide a safe environment for their employees and patrons.

His enthusiasm for his profession was evident. You could hear it in his voice and see it in his eyes. He wrote articles for this paper concerning health issues to better inform the town's people how they could maintain and improve their health and that of their loved ones.

His reward—an untimely dismissal.

I know that because of this cut of a valuable employee from an already lightly staffed department, cuts in services will have to be made and will need to be discussed at the Board of Health's next meeting.

I hope that it is still not too late to change this travesty and rehire Mr. Tryba. If you are as concerned as I am about the cuts that will have to be made, please call your councilor.

It has been said many times that without your health, you have nothing. Let us keep Agawam healthy. If the councilors would like to get an idea of how close their hands are to a hot stove, they might thumb through a book entitled *Eleven Blue Men*, about a poisoning tragedy in a restaurant due to lack of proper inspections and food handling knowledge.

Before an accident occurs and Agawam becomes a pariah to the restaurant going public, Mr. Tryba should be rehired with an apology to go with it. If we don't reinstate him, some other smart town will.

Our loss will be their gain.

Stephen R. Jacapraro
Member
Agawam Board of Health

Junior Women's Club Wishes Students Safe Return To School

To The Editor:

To the Students of Agawam:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to wish the students of Agawam a safe return to school.

For 18 years, the club has sponsored the Safety Bus Tour for first-time bus riders, featuring the Safety Bug, to introduce the children of our community to the rules of safe bus riding.

This year's tour is scheduled for Friday, August 21st at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. at the Agawam Public Library. We hope this introduction to safety provides the basis for safe bus-riding throughout the school years.

Good luck and keep safe!

Sincerely,
The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Sacred Heart AA Thanks Commissioners For Dedication

To The Editor:

Sacred Heart Athletic Association would like to say a special thank you to the following commissioners of the leagues for all of their work during the 1992 season.

Girls' Instructional Commissioner, **Laurie Littlefield**; Girls' 8-10 Commissioners, **Dawn Thomas** and **Paul Bachini**; Girls' 11-13 Commissioner, **Mike Kowalski**.

Girls' 13-16 Commissioner, **Dave Pickett**; Boys' Instructional Commissioner, **Clem Paluck**; Boys' 8-10 Commissioner, **Andy Sidusky**; Boys' 10-12 Commissioner, **Mike Martin**; Boys' 13-16 Commissioner, **Gary Shean**.

Also, a great big thank you to all the managers and coaches who give of their time all season. They are too numerous to mention, but your help is greatly appreciated.

And, to Mike Davidson, our announcer who has done such a great job for many years, a sincere thank you.

Sacred Heart Athletic Assoc.
Executive Board

Mrs. Fuller Disputes Editorial On Health Dept.

To The Editor:

As a former member of the Agawam Board of Health, I wish to allay any possible fears that may have been created by an article appearing as a guest editorial in the August 13th edition of the *Agawam Advertiser News*.

The people of Agawam should be assured that the city council would never do anything to endanger the health and safety of the public.

The existing health department staff is currently able to meet all the demands placed upon them.

Respectfully,
Jessie D. Fuller
City Councillor

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LETTERS - continued...

Visit By French Students
Reviewed By Agawam Teen

To The Editor:

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a person from a foreign land be part of your family for a month?

Well, our curiosity led our family into that very experience. For the whole month of July, Amelie Trebulle became my new sister. She is a 16 year old from Paris, France who was involved in the Exchange Cultural International (ECI) program.

She is one of eight students from France who came to Agawam to learn about our culture. Their ages ranged from 15 to 19.

Amelie's visit to the United States was not her first trip out of France. Three years ago, when Amelie was only 13 years old, she visited Germany for a month to learn about their culture.

She told me that she rarely gets homesick because "I go on vacations often with my friends, and I have already gone to Germany."

Amelie came to America to learn about "the life of Americans and the language." She also noticed many differences, like meals. "We eat at 6:00 o'clock here, but in France we would eat at 8:00 o'clock."

She also noticed how seldom mopeds are used here, but in France all the teenagers have them because they can get "a license for a moped at 14 years old."

Amelie also thinks that the "French teenagers have more freedom," but that the "Americans are more welcoming to new people."

Amelie's overview of her trip to America was that "The food and clothes were not that different," and that she had made assumptions about America from films she had seen. Now she realizes that "Americans are very different" and that America isn't just one big movie; "There are some rules."

Amelie visited many places in America and did many things but she is certain that the "Hard Rock Cafe in Boston was my favorite place to visit."

After trying to cope with life in the United States, with only three years of English to assist her, I believe Amelie was anxious to get back to her native language and home.

Sharon Jacapraro
Agawam

Agawam Crime Prevention...

The Dangers Of Anabolic Steroids

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

We live in a world that demands of us the very best in physical and mental conditioning. We compete, we battle, and we constantly seek "the edge" in the daily struggle to survive.

In the competitive world of sports, that edge comes in the form of steroids. Known on the streets as "juice" or "Roids," these synthetic variants of the male hormone testosterone have long-term side effects that far outweigh any short-cuts they may provide in training.

Steroids can be obtained legally through a doctor's prescription, or illegally on the black market. Some common brand names are Anadrol, Decadurabolin, and Anavar. Under a doctor's care, it is estimated that some three-million Americans take steroids every year to counteract an imbalance or other problem within their body.

Taken illegally, however, steroids can wreak havoc with the normal body metabolism.

According to the June 9th issue of *Medical Tribune*, U.S. Olympic Committee Sports Medicine and Science Doctor Robert Voy described steroid use as "a very complicated attack on a normal hormonal balance." The body becomes confused and, in effect, "turns off" its own system. Consequently, peculiar side effects occur.

Women have experienced baldness, facial hair growth, decreased breast size, enlarged genitals, and liver cancer. Men have experienced increased breast size, sterility, and prostate cancer.

Some other side effects shared by both sexes

include high blood pressure, clogging of the arteries, and increased tendencies toward aggression and hostility. All this risk for the benefit of quick weight gain, rapid muscle development, and less time needed for recovery between workouts.

Steroids are smuggled into this country from Mexico, Europe, and Canada to the tune of one-hundred million dollars annually. They can be injected or taken in pill form, and are sold out of the trunks of cars outside ballparks and gymnasiums.

Athletes from the college and pro ranks are banned from steroid use. Testing is done regularly, and those caught with traces of the drug in their system face penalties that vary with the frequency and severity of use. Dosages vary widely and can cost the user anywhere from \$25 to \$500 a month.

Research on the subject is sketchy at this point for two reasons: it's unethical to administer steroids in the high doses taken by some athletes, and it is simply too soon for major, long-term studies of athletes who have taken steroids and later developed problems.

In order to mask the detection of steroids within the system, some athletes are using drugs such as Probenecid, which hide traces of the steroids during the testing procedure.

Steroids are yet one more of hundreds of drugs of abuse on the market today. While some consider that they are merely an "acceptable risk," it should be understood by all that steroids and their use can result in sickness and death.

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Clothing Fires ... Stop, Drop And Roll

All clothing can burn and some clothing burns more easily than others. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that if your clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP AND ROLL to put out the flames.

Don't run or keep standing. Running will only fan the flames and make them higher. Standing up straight will make the fire burn faster.

STOP AND DROP down to the floor or ground. ROLL or rock back and forth to smother the flames. Smothering the fire cuts off its supply of oxygen so it cannot burn.

If possible, roll or rock in a rug, blanket, or coat to smother the fire faster. Attempt to cover your face with your hands to keep the fire away from your face.

When the fire is out, cool the burn with water and call the fire department or rescue squad. Do not remove the burned clothing if it is stuck to the skin. Keep the victim quiet and warm until help arrives.

The fatal mistake people make in a clothing fire is to panic and run. Seconds count. The smothering action must be automatic. A trained, immediate response of STOP, DROP AND ROLL is extremely important.

The running response occurs in all age groups, but it is prevalent in younger children. Scared children run to find parents or mistakenly think that only water can put out a fire and they run to find it.

Everyone, especially children, must be taught to STOP, DROP AND ROLL. Parents and teachers should encourage children to practice by making a weekly game of it. Make sure that they understand when and where to use this technique.

Most clothing fires are careless accidents and can be prevented. Follow these simple rules:

- Purchase clothing made with a smooth, tight weave. Fuzzy, lightweight, loosely woven or loose fitting fabric will ignite and burn much easier.

- Use caution when using or working with any heat sources or flames.

- By law, children's sleepwear must be flame retardant at time of purchase (available in sizes up to 6X). However, the washing and care instructions must be followed to maintain the fire retardant feature.

- Keep children away from heat sources such as candles, stoves, cigarettes, outdoor grills, matches, portable heaters, etc.

For all the local news, you turn our pages every week!

Agawam Police Department Arrest Blotter For Week Ending Friday, August 14th

On August 2nd, **Ronald Piquette**, 80 Kanawha Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Mark Poggi.

On August 2nd, **Angel Mercado**, 257 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Gary O'Brien.

On August 3rd, **Thomas S. Wool**, 81 South Maple Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Anthony Malone and Mark Ceccarini.

On August 4th, **Paul Donovan**, 21 White Oaks Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery and assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko, Eric Lottermoser, and Sgt. William Sliech.

On August 4th, **Richard McGaughey**, 160 Pleasant Drive, Meridan, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon Jr., Detective Anthony Malone, and Edward Connor.

On August 4th, **Michelle McLaughlin**, 447 Allen Street, New Britain, CT, was arrested and charged with two counts of assault & battery on a police officer. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr. and Richard Conlon Jr.

On August 4th, **James Albright**, 21 Seymour Street, Bristol, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance with intent to distribute, and possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officers were auxiliary officers Joe Marsh, John Kunasek, and Fred Harpin.

On August 4th, **Gail Cormier**, 24 B Robbins Lane, Rocky Hill, CT, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Mike Gruska, Richard Conlon Jr., and Richard Light Jr.

On August 4th, **Frederick Fishbein**, 303 Arbutus Road, East Hartford, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery on a police officer and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr., Mark Poggi, and Mike Gruska.

On August 4th, **Ronald Nasserman**, 2A Nanel Drive, Glastonbury, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery on a police officer and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr., Mike Gruska, and Mark Poggi.

On August 4th, **Paul Bussiese**, 197 Southampton Road, Westhampton, was arrested and charged with assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of assault & battery on a police officer, and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were auxiliary officer John Kunasek, Steve Grasso, and auxiliary officer Fred Harpin.

On August 5th, **Thomas Driscoll**, 1436 Armory Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Paul Murphy.

On August 5th, **Lori Mathuink**, 302 Hill Street, Suffield, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Camerlin and Sgt. Donald Lonetto.

On August 6th, **George Slicer**, 822 Main Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with a Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Detective Anthony Malone.

On August 7th, **Justino Cotto**, 472 Hancock Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Richard Conlon Jr.

On August 7th, **Richard Fortin**, South Park Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with State Police and Agawam Police Department warrants. Arresting officer was Eric Camerlin.

On August 7th, **Ronald Harrison**, 4 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with Agawam, West Springfield, and Chicopee Police Department warrants. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On August 8th, **Ronald J. Duris**, 422 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Gary O'Brien.

On August 8th, **Nancy L. Tomlinson**, 31 Hemlock Pt., Coventry, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Richard Conlon Jr.

On August 9th, **Phillip A. Traylor**, 124 Westford Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Eric Lottermoser.

On August 10th, **David Feliciano**, 655 State Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with a State Police warrant. Arresting officer was Ben Moore.

On August 11th, **Galen Strickland**, 60 Downey Drive, Manchester, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon. Arresting officer was Detective Dan Ciak.

On August 11th, **Gabriel Lancaster**, 52 Birch Glen Drive, Wales, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On August 13th, **Phillip McCarthy**, 35 Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with indecent assault & battery and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Detective Peter Bertera, Richard Light Jr., and Detective Sgt. Kenneth Grady.

On August 14th, **Michael Russell**, 1201 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan, Eric Lottermoser, and Sgt. William Sliech.

On August 14th, **Felix B. Santiago**, 462 Maple Street, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with a State Police warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Joe Dymon.

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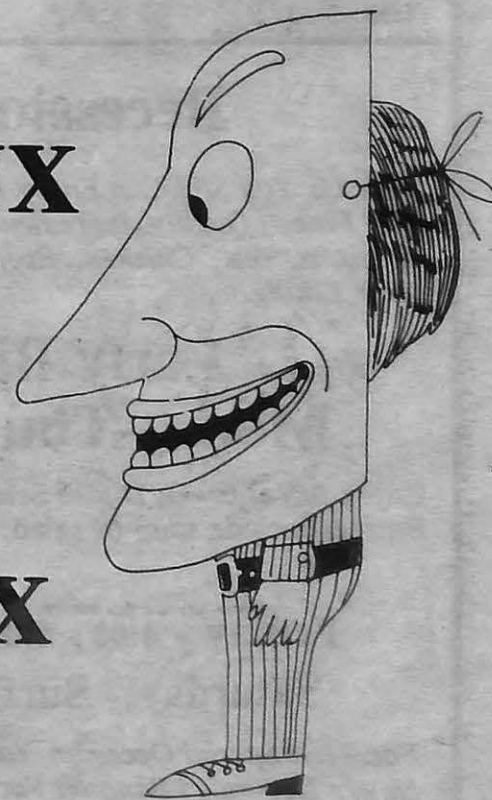
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Melconian Blasts Insurance Industry For Requesting Another Rate Hike

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) recently blasted the insurance industry's request for an increase in auto insurance rates. The announcement of the increase has renewed Melconian's consistent call for a complete overhaul of the auto insurance system.

Senator Melconian quoted: "The greed of the insurance companies is unreconcilable. They solicit a bloated rate increase request for no other reason than to assure a profit, when others are struggling to survive in harsh economic conditions."

Melconian continued: "We will continue to see the annual August request for a rate increase by the insurance companies until we change the system. That is the reason why we need to abolish the current system. The bill I have pushed will do exactly that."

The reforms in the Melconian bill would: eliminate fraud; require mandatory mediation, which keeps cases out of court yet protects the rights of the injured; drop the current no-fault system for personal injury that does not work; make drivers responsible and accountable for their own driving habits; eliminate the uncontrolled health costs of the auto insurance system; and lower costs for the consumers from 10% to 25%.

"There will be no need for a rate increase with the provisions in my bill, there will actually be a decrease," said Melconian.

Senator Melconian has moved her bill through the Joint Committee on Insurance with unanimous, bi-partisan support.

"As Senate Chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Insurance, I will use all my power and energy to compel House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Thomas Finneran (D-Mattapan) and Speaker of the House Charles Flaherty (D-Cambridge) to move my bill through the House as soon as possible this fall," Melconian emphasized.

Melconian asserted, "The only real substantial rate relief that any auto consumers have seen in the last 16 years was in 1989, which resulted from reform legislation that I pushed and was passed that directly produced a 8.2% decrease in overall rates."

Currently, Massachusetts is the only state in the country that does not allow any competition of auto insurance rates.

Melconian continued, "In order to see long-term relief of auto rate increases, and to be in step with the other 49 states, the Commonwealth must adapt a system in which competition plays a role. When placed into effect along with a mandatory mediation system pertaining to personal injury and a fault system for property damage, we will finally see the lower rates we deserve that I have been fighting for the past eight years."

Kateri Walsh Wants Program To Assist In Paying For College

At the gates of Springfield Technical Community College recently, Democratic candidate for Congress Kateri Walsh championed a program to help students pay for higher education.

"The promise of opportunity in America is simply passing too many children by because a college education is no longer affordable," said Kateri, a former school teacher.

"Washington politicians only tinkered at the edges, but that is not enough. A Nation at Risk is still at risk," she said, referring to the 1984 study on America's education system.

"I have seven children in our school systems; I have been a teacher ... I know firsthand the difficulties students and families face," Kateri said. "I have worked hard to make our education system stronger, and I will continue that fight in the U.S. House of Representatives."

Under the new program, The National Education Trust Fund, the current student loan system would be scrapped to create a system providing all students with the opportunity for guaranteed funding.

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The current student loan program is heavily in debt and beleaguered by fraud and abuse.

"Twelve years of Republican budget cuts and status quo legislation in Washington has made it more difficult for students to go to college," she said. "If we are going to compete in world markets ... if we are going to turn around the economy ... if we are going to be number one, then students who want to go, must be able to afford college," said Kateri.

The new program would require repayment of loans in one of two ways. First, by designating a percentage of earnings and salary to loan repayment. Or second, by requiring participation in a national community service program.

"Education has been at the foundation of what makes our country great," Walsh said. "And if we invest in our students, our children, by helping them bear the burden of education costs, we are investing in the future of America."

Congressman Neal Endorsed By AFL-CIO

The Massachusetts AFL-CIO has endorsed Second District Congressman Richard E. Neal for reelection to the United States House of Representatives.

The Democratic Primary is Tuesday, September 15th.

The key issues important to organized labor in the 102nd Congress include: health care, the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protection for federal construction projects, opposition to the Fast Track authority for the U.S.-Mexico Free Trade Agreement, the federal extension of unemployment benefits, and legislation which would prohibit the hiring of permanent replacement workers.

"Richie Neal has been an outstanding friend to the working families of the Second Congressional District. His outstanding labor voting record clearly demonstrates he is in touch with the needs of working people.

"Your support for the working men and women, as demonstrated by your outstanding COPE voting record, is deeply appreciated. On behalf of the 400,000 members strong Massachusetts AFL-CIO, we congratulate you on compiling a record worthy of labor's support," said Joseph Faherty, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

"I am pleased to receive the support of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and their over 400,000 members. Throughout my career in public service, I have always stood up for those issues that are important to the working men and women of this district: education, health care and employment.

"I look forward to returning to Congress to ensure that working families will continue to have their voice heard," Congressman Neal said.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, August 27, 1992, at 7:30 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of John Liquori to perform work subject to the ACT on 340 Pine Street.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Published: August 20, 1992

Newman Challenges Melconian To Debate

Attorney Stephen H. Newman, Pro Choice Democratic candidate for State Senate in the First Hampden District, has invited Senator Linda J. Melconian to a debate prior to the September 15th primary election.

Although not involved in the primary election, Republican candidate William Caplin was also invited to the debate by Newman.

Newman stated that he invited Caplin in an effort to get a broader scope of the issues facing voters in the district.

However, Newman stated that if Senator Melconian declined the invitation to debate, the debate would not go forward, as Newman and Caplin are not yet running against each other.

The details of the debate would be worked out by the candidates if Senator Melconian accepts the invitation to debate the issues.

Neal Supports Tougher Child Support Bill On Crossing State Line

Congressman Richard Neal (Second District, Massachusetts) strongly supported a bill that would create stricter federal penalties for people who cross state lines to avoid paying child support.

Neal supported the Child Support Recovery Act; a bill that would make it a federal crime to fail to pay child support for a child who lives in another state.

The bill would target abusers who have not made support payments in more than a year, or people who are delinquent of payments in the amount of more than \$5,000.

Abusers who fall into either of these two categories would be punished by as much as six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Prison time and penalties would increase upon a second offense.

The Child Support Recovery Act also authorizes \$10 million for the Bureau of Justice Assistance in each fiscal year 1994 through 1996 to make grants for states to develop and enforce interstate child support legislation.

"Massachusetts has a very aggressive policy for tracking down child support abusers. The program is run through the Department of Revenue and has worked to find child support abusers across the country," Neal said.

"The problem," Neal added, "is that there is no consistent set of rules on collecting child support payments from state to state. The Child Support Recovery Act would make it a federal crime to ignore the obligation of child support. America's children need this protection."

A study released by the U.S. Commission on Interstate Child Support earlier this week stressed the need to overhaul child support laws to collect more revenue. The study also suggested involving the Internal Revenue Service and employers more closely in facilitating payment collection.

Check our classified**Agawam Obituaries****Lawrence A. Gamache**

Lawrence A. Gamache, 81, of 20 Central Street, Agawam, a retired 25-year employee of the former Peterson & Sanderson Service Station in Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1973. Born in Ludlow, he was educated in local schools.

He lived in Springfield for 35 years before moving to Agawam in 1989.

A communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, he was an Army veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, the former Ethel M. Anderson; a son, Robert L. of Monson; a daughter, Margaret K. Labossiere Chamberlain of Easthampton; a sister, Gertrude Dupuis of Ludlow, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Gladys Moulton

Gladys (Thayer) Barrows Moulton, 96, formerly of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in the Greater Springfield area most of her life. She was graduated from West Springfield High School.

She was the wife of the late Clayton Barrows and the late Charles C. Moulton.

She leaves a son, Richard W. Barrows of Springfield; three daughters, Marjorie Josephson of Springfield, Virginia Wright of Orlando, Florida, and Betty M. Poggi of Agawam; a sister, Thelma Gowans of De Land, Florida; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted in Oak Grove Cemetery. T.P. Sampson State Street Parlor was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

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If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 33 King St., Northampton, MA.

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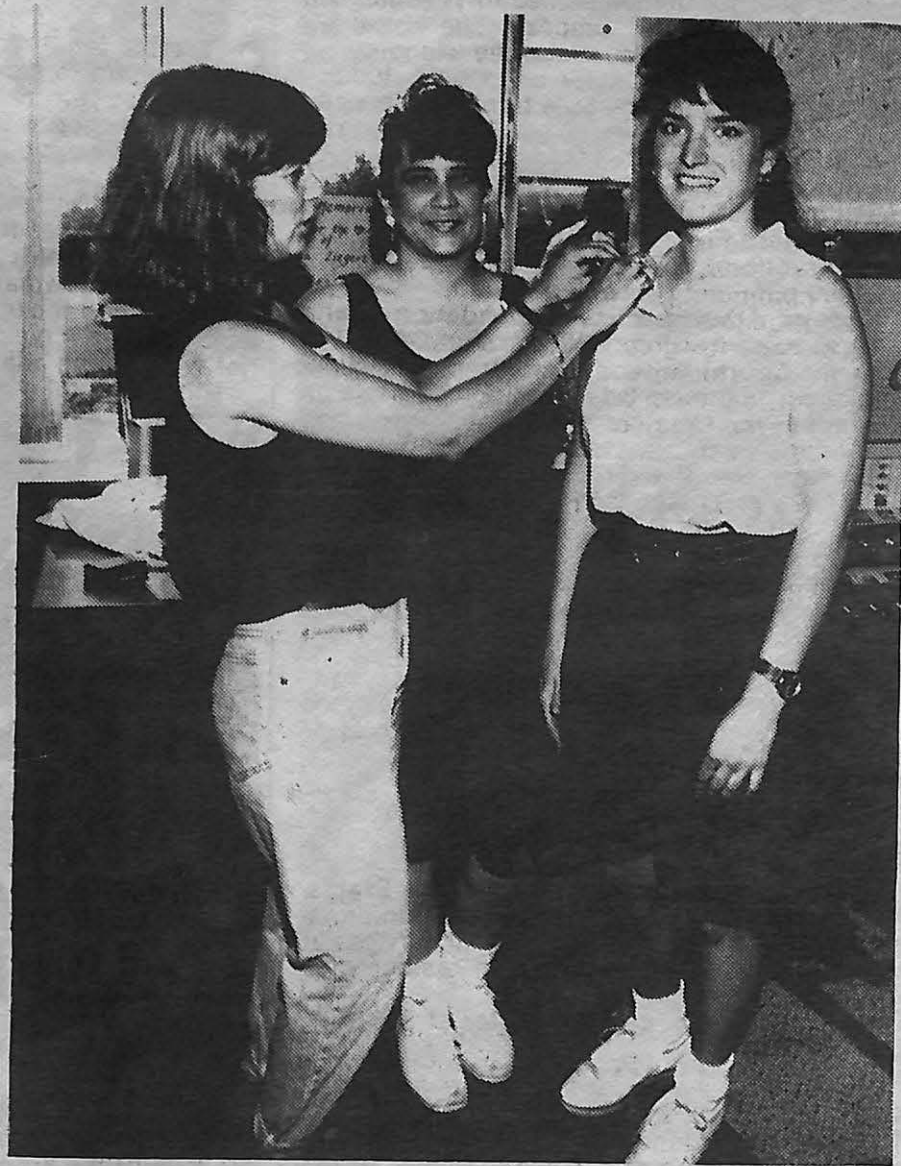
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Agawam Country Club Helps Ziegert Fund



AGAWAM COUNTRY CLUB HOSTED a golf tournament on July 20th to benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Scholarship Fund. IN PHOTO LEFT, Carlo Simeoli was one of the event's organizers; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Kim Maynard, Sophia Maynard, and Cathy Sheehan were all participants in the event. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"Let's Dance Night" At Senior Center

The fourth Wednesday of each month, between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., is "Let's Dance Night" at the Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam with Libby Campa.

A special salute goes out to Libby, who has squeezed 'another project' into his busy schedule. Libby also conducts the weekly Tuesday choral group workshop at the Senior Center and there is nothing but 'fun' that radiates from Libby's musical talents and super personality.

Feel free to jump in and join the fun. For information, you may call 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Dept.

Guitars & Country Music To Highlight Special Summer Sunday At Ag. Methodist

Guitars and country music will be featured this Sunday, August 23rd as Agawam United Methodist Church holds the second of its "Special Summer Sundays" at 9:30 a.m. with an outdoor Worship Service and picnic on the church grounds.

Gary and Carrie Garfield and Charles "Bud" Hardy will share their musical talents, country-style, at the service.

Worshippers are invited to dress informally and bring food (to share if they wish) and their own picnic supplies. A gas grill will be supplied.

"Family Gatherings" will be the theme of the

service and Pastor Laurence Hill's sermon. Sunday School and child care will be available at the service.

In case of rain, the service and picnic gatherings will be held indoors. People are invited to bring sports equipment for informal games.

The public is invited.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57 across from the high school. The public is always welcome, and information may be had by calling Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278 or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991.

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Agawam Senior Center Fall 1992 Information

Diversified Classes For The Fall Semester At The Agawam Senior Center.

Registration for the fall semester is scheduled for September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Most classes will begin on September 8th.

All the Senior Center classes are available to all seniors—men and women, 60 years and over. The line-up is as follows:

Mondays: Knitting, 9:30 a.m.; Cards (diversified), 1:00 p.m.; Aquatic Exercise, 11:00 a.m., at Fitness First; Chess, Cribbage and Bridge (with instruction), 1:00 p.m.; Photography Techniques, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: Advanced Exercise, 9:00 a.m.; Knitting, 9:30 a.m.; Sewing, 9:30 a.m.; Ladies' Pool, 1:00 p.m.; Choral Group, 1:00 p.m.; Camcorder Techniques, 1:00 p.m.; Oil Painting, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Creative Greeting Cards, 9:30 a.m.; Aquatic Exercise, 11:00 a.m. (Fitness First).

Thursdays: Gentle Exercise, 9:00 a.m.; Country Crafts, 12:30 p.m.; Line Dancing, 1:00 p.m.; Band Practice, 2:15 p.m.

Fridays: Aquatic Exercise, 11:00 a.m. (Fitness First); Duplicate Bridge, 1:00 p.m.; Organ Lessons, 1:00 p.m.; Watercolor Painting, 2:30 p.m.

"Helpful Services" For Seniors:

Health Information Needs (SHINE): Three times per month.

Podiatry: Twice per month.

Diabetic Screening: Once per month.

Blood Pressure Check: Twice per month.

Footcare Nurses: Once per month.

Legal Consultations: Twice per month.

Also available are a Hearing Clinic, Eye Exams, Van Service, and special educational, informational, and entertaining programs. All services at the Senior Center are available to residents 60 years of age and over.

For appointments, call the center at 786-0400, extension 242.

New Instructor For The Senior Center:

The Agawam Council on Aging would like to formally welcome Sandra (Saitto) Dudek to the teaching staff at the Senior Center.

Ms. Dudek is an Agawam resident and has many "feathers" in her "cap of accomplishment," and we're proud to have her on board.

She will be instructing both oil painting and watercolor classes, which will be held (respectively) on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ag. Congregational Lists Weekly Events

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, invites the public to join them each Sunday morning in August at 8:01 a.m. for "GOOD MORNING AGAWAM."

Fears and anxieties are real feelings. Words of peace and comfort of Jesus Christ can bring new hope. Rev. Fuller will lead the discussion this week, entitled "The Good Shepherd Will Lead You." It will be held in the Friendship Room.

Their summer schedule continues with Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. The Summer Schedule will continue through September 6th.

The Wednesday Night Service is at 7:30 p.m. with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m.

Biblical characters are coming alive this August through the Junior Church portion of the 9:30 Sunday service.

This week, Stephanie and Kristen Palazzi will present the story of "MARTHA AND MARY." Children ages three through 12 are encouraged to attend this special program.

CHURCH SCHOOL begins Sunday, September 20th. Classes for grade seven through 12 and adults will be held at 9:15 a.m.

Crib room, nursery and kindergarten through grade six will be at 10:30 a.m.

For more information and registration, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Ziegert Golf Tourney Draws Big Crowd



MANY LOCAL GOLFERS hit the links at Agawam Country Club on July 20th for a tournament to benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Scholarship Fund. From left - Barbara Viens and Shelley Borgatti, two of the scholarship fund organizers; Dee Ziegert (Lisa's mother) and Lynne Ziegert (Lisa's sister); and Ann Phillips. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Suffield Historians Set Outdoor Exhibit

Suffield: The Suffield Historical Society will sponsor its fifth annual outdoor art exhibit on the grounds of the King House Museum on Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and 23rd.

Local artists will display their paintings and offer them for sale, and the museum will be open for tours.

Admission to the art exhibit will be free, as will the museum itself on this weekend.

The King House Museum is located on South Main Street in Suffield. The hours for this event are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Pot Roast Dinner At Swk. Christ Church

Southwick: The public is cordially invited to attend a Pot Roast Dinner at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway on Sunday, September 13th.

Servings will be at 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3.75 for children under 12.

Reservations are necessary by September 10th and may be made by calling 569-5578 or 569-6311.

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DANIEL BRANDON BOBECKI

Bobecki Family Proud Of New Son

Alan and Kimberly Bobeck are happy to announce the birth of their son, Daniel Brandon.

He was born on July 6th, weighing eight pounds, three ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Danny has a big sister, Brie, who was waiting for him at home.

Maternal grandparents are Philip McCarthy of Agawam and Pamela McCarthy of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Edward and Helen Bobeck of Feeding Hills.

Danny also has a maternal great-grandmother, Eva McCarthy and paternal great-grandmother, Katherine Sroka, both of Agawam.

Bereaved Support Offered In Agawam By Forastiere Family

Support Groups for anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one are offered free of charge every month by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

As part of their commitment to the community, the Forastieres offer two different kinds of support groups.

One group is designed for grieving family members and friends. It is held each fourth Monday of the month, this month being on August 24th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Different support groups designed especially and solely for those who have lost a spouse are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, this month being August 25th.

There is an afternoon group and an evening group. The afternoon group is held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street in Agawam.

The evening group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, lower church hall, 123 William Street in Springfield.

There is no Pre-registration required. Participants need merely to attend any meeting they choose. All groups are free of charge and facilitated by Grief Counselor/Educator Lila Forastiere.

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The Noble Hospital Stroke Support Group will meet Mondays in August on the 24th and 31st from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room, located on the second floor of the hospital.

Sara Ellis, a registered dietician, will speak at the August 24th meeting. Stroke videos will be shown at the meeting on Monday, August 31st.

The Stroke Support Group is led by Social Worker Michele Chmura with the help of Donald Duperrault, who is a volunteer at Noble Hospital and has also suffered a stroke.

There is no fee for program participants, but a 50¢ donation will be collected at the door for refreshments.

For further information or to register, call the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at 568-2811, ext. 466.

Rev. Morris To Preach At 1st Baptist Church

Pastor Morris of First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam will preach on "Believing In Ourselves" this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Scott Thomson, Director of Music of the Agawam School System, and his wife, Joyce, will offer duets as they strum their guitars.

Seminarian member Jennifer Cashman will lead worship and the celebration of the Lord's Supper, September 6th.

Rally Day will be held September 13th when the Church School begins. There will be classes for all ages, nursery through adults, with crib nursery care.

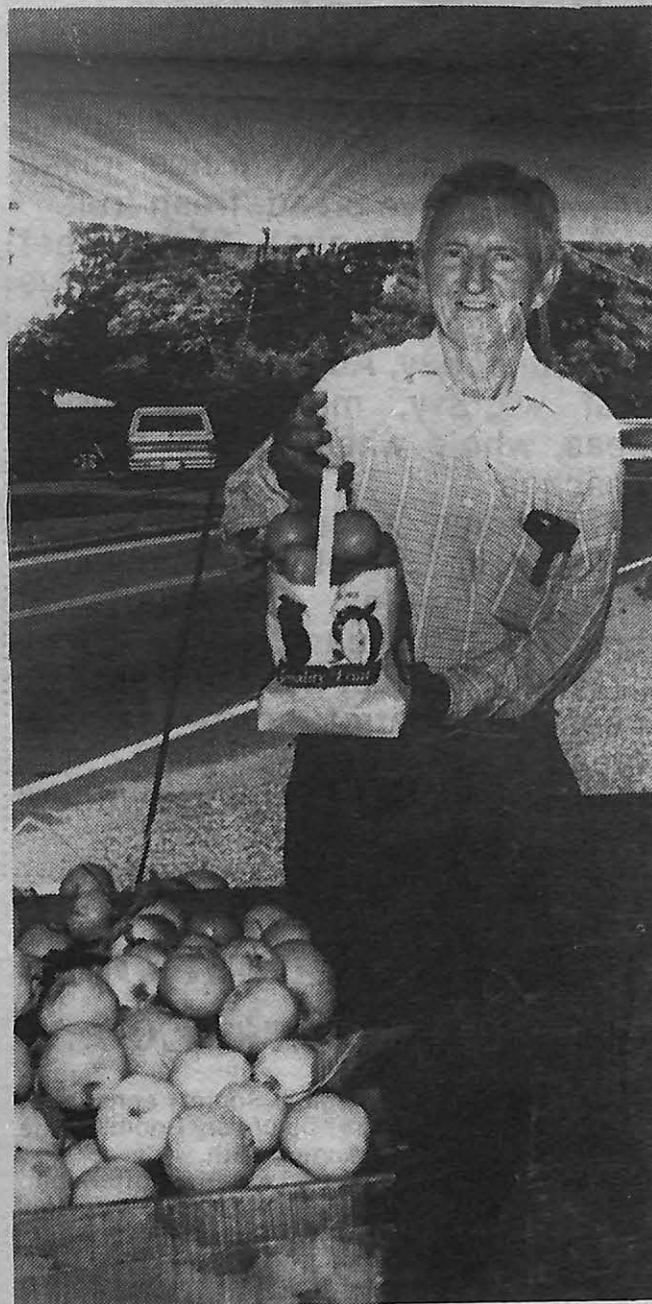
An all-church luncheon will follow the classes. The public is invited to attend.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet August 25th

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room.

For more information, call 789-4117 or 568-1679.

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175,000	17,500	87,500	35,000	500,000	1,000	380
200,000	20,000	100,000	40,000	500,000	1,000	416
225,000	22,500	112,500	45,000	500,000	1,000	448
250,000	25,000	125,000	50,000	500,000	1,000	474
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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 24: Chicken chow mein, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, August 25th: Beef pastie, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, grape nut pudding.

Wednesday, August 26th: Turkey loaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, canned peaches.

Thursday, August 27th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, summer squash medley, Canadian oat bread, apple square.

Friday, August 28th: Baked fish, rice pilaf, carrot coins, oatmeal bread, canned pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice).

Ag. Junior Women Seek New Members

Who are the Agawam Juniors?

The Juniors are a club with a current membership of 34 women dedicated to providing support to our community in a wide variety of areas. Some of our projects include the Annual Arts & Crafts Festival for scholarships, the Annual School Bus Safety Tour, and the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Basket Program.

Members range in age from late 20's to early 40's. The majority are married, with children from infants to college-age. Twenty-five of the club's members work outside the home, either full- or part-time; 23 members live in Feeding Hills, 11 in Agawam.

The club holds monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month. Meeting programs include a wide variety of speakers of interest to the membership. Club social activities include a monthly couple's night, in addition to various family activities.

The Juniors are looking for new members interested in making friends while serving the community. Any women over 18 years of age is eligible.

If you're interested in learning more about the Juniors, attend our Membership Tea on Thursday, September 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, or call Liz Taylor, membership chairwoman, at 789-1320.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization, and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Speaking From The Bible... "Is Hell Real?"

by Tom Crouse, Assistant Pastor
Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Ln., Agawam

To deny the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, to refuse the Salvation that was bought for you by the blood of Jesus Christ, to refuse to repent and be converted, to ultimately refuse the Grace of God, is to accept the sentence of eternity in Hell.

Many people today do not believe in Hell. Many cults on the scene today do not believe in a literal Hell. In fact, you have probably had some people who knocked on your door and wanted to leave you literature, who would tell you that there is no such place as Hell.

Jesus Christ had something to say about Hell. The word "Hell" (Gehenna) occurs in the New Testament 12 times—11 on the lips of Jesus. It is not a myth created by some stirred up preacher. It is the solemn warning of the Son of God, who died to deliver sinners from its curse. We ignore it at great risk.

Hell is a place of torment. It is not merely the absence of pleasure. It is not annihilation. Jesus repeatedly describes it as an experience of fire.

"Whoever says 'you fool' shall be liable to the hellfire" (Matt. 5:22). "It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire" (Matt. 18:9).

"It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:47-48). Jesus warned often that in Hell there would be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt 8:12; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30).

Not only is Hell a place of torment, it is also everlasting. Jesus closes the parable of the last judgement with these words: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels ... and they will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life" (Matt 25: 41, 46).

The "punishment" is eternal the same way the "life" is eternal. John sums up the terrible realities of torment and endlessness in Revelation 14:11 - "and the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever: and they have no rest, day or night."

The Bible is clear that Hell is real. You can only avoid being sentenced to this place by asking God to forgive your sins and asking the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your life as your personal Lord and Saviour.

Won't you do that today? Right now, as you finish this article, ask Jesus Christ to come into your life. Accept the gift of salvation, given by grace.

It truly is a matter of life and death!

Discovery Room Open At Forest Park Zoo

The Forest Park Zoological Society announces the grand opening of the "Discovery Room" at the Zoo in Forest Park on August 19th.

The room is the newest educational offering to area schools, groups and Zoo visitors. It is designed for youngsters to "Touch" and "See" a variety of small "Creatures" such as bullfrogs, turtles, hedgehog, boa constrictor, ferret, chinchilla, and screech owl.

The walls are colorfully painted depicting all kinds of locally found wildlife from butterflies and bugs to small and large mammals and birds.

There's also "Feathers and Fur" - "Horns and Antlers" - shells and nests to handle, as well as many other educational activities planned.

Mayor Markel will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony, along with park officials and invited guests at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19th.

The Zoo is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday and holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission fees are: Up to four years-old, 50¢; Five to 12 years-old, \$1.50; Adults, \$2.50; Seniors, \$2.00. Group rates are available.

Vendors Sought For Polish Club Tag Sale

Vendor applications are now being made available for a Tag Sale/Flea Market scheduled to take place at the Polish American Club grounds (Rt. 57, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills) on October 11th.

The sale is being sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club, and will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine).

Indoor and outdoor spaces will be available on a first-pay, first-choice basis. Pre-registration is necessary, and no applications will be accepted after October 3rd.

A fee of \$10 will be charged for a 10-foot space. Larger spaces are available at an additional cost. For an application or further information, please contact Eleanor at 786-1359, or the Polish American Club's aforementioned address (attention: Tag Sale/Flea Market Committee).

Arts Council Has Trip To Boston

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on September 26th.

Anyone interested in tickets may send a check made out to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Barbara Dunn, 588 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The trip will be Saturday, September 26th, with departure time at 8:00 a.m., from the parking area at the Agawam High School.

Price is \$12.50 per person, and is non-refundable.

The bus will stop at the Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Quincy Market. Departure time from Boston will be 6:00 p.m., arriving at the Agawam High School by 8:00 p.m.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call council member Barbara Dunn, 786-7147, or Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138.

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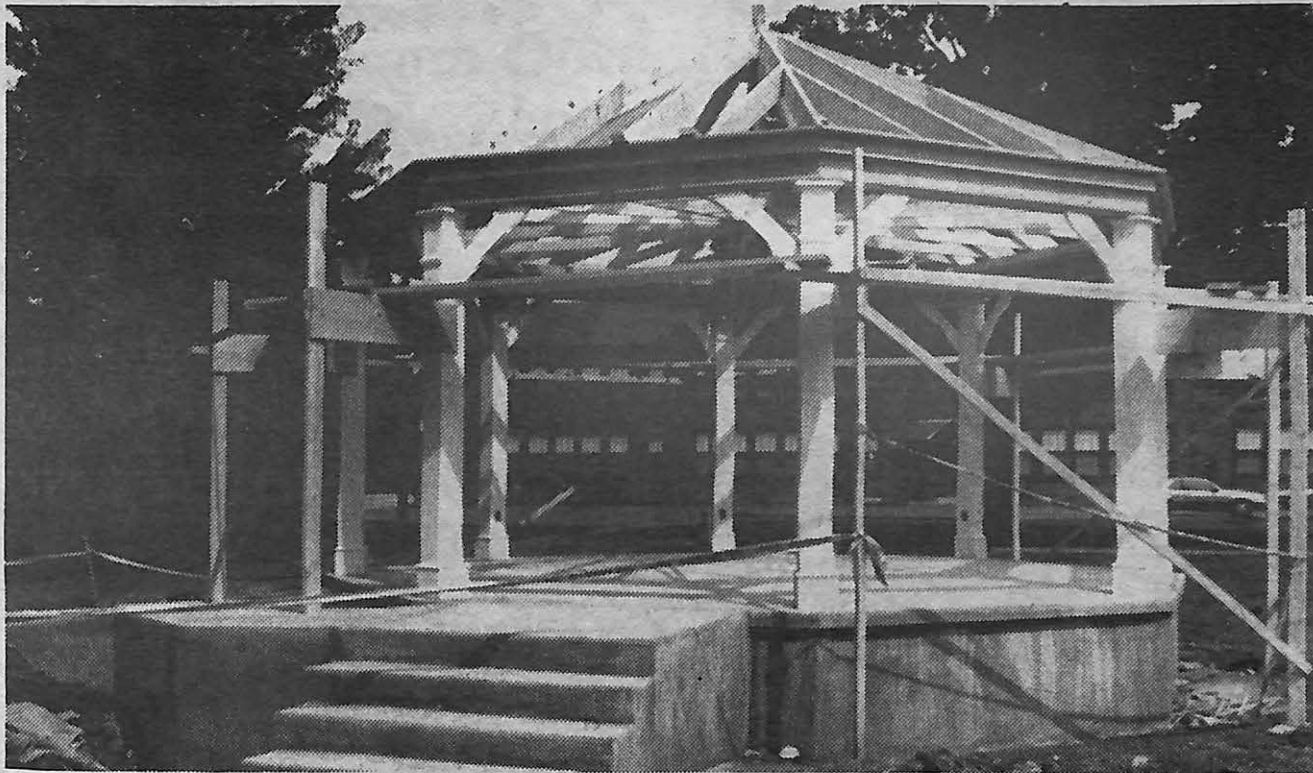
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Polish Club Bingo Helps Veterans' Gazebo



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB'S BINGO COMMITTEE presented a donation to the Agawam Veterans Council to be put towards the construction costs of the new Veterans Gazebo on the Phelps School lawn near the Veterans Memorial. From left - Louis Russo, Agawam Town Council; Ann Twarog and Janice Barako, Bingo Committee; Jerry Couture, Veterans Council; and Frank Mazierz, Bingo Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM VETERANS COUNCIL says progress is continuing on the veterans gazebo near the Veterans Memorial in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council On Aging Seeks Nominations For Gallano Award

The Agawam Council on Aging is seeking nominations for its annual Andrew Gallano Award.

Presented annually at its Friends/C.O.A. dinner, this recognition is given to a person (of any age) who has demonstrated a commitment towards serving and advocating for the needs and rights of our older and/or frail elder population.

Although not necessary, forms are available upon request at the Senior Center, or by contacting a member of the C.O.A. Letters and/or forms may be sent to:

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee
c/o the Agawam Council on Aging
57 Wright Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Annual Parish Picnic Set By St. John's

St. John The Evangelist Church will hold their Annual Parish Picnic on August 30th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post 1632 on 194 South Street, Agawam.

Tickets for chicken dinners, hot dogs and hamburgs are on sale at the parish rectory office and at all Masses, Saturday, August 22nd and Sunday, August 23rd.

Admission is free and there will be games and prizes for the young and the young-at-heart.

David Ladizki is chairman of this annual event, assisted by members of the parish council and many parishioners.

More information is available by calling the rectory office at 786-8105, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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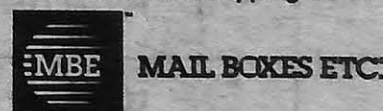
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Lyn is a graduate of Marshfield High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is currently employed as a dietician with Massachusetts General Hospital in Chelsea, MA.

Keith is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is currently entering his fourth year at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

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Agawam AARP Plans To Meet August 27th

The next Agawam A.A.R.P. Chapter Meeting will be held August 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street.

For information, call the Activities Department at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Sacred Heart Sets Date For Holiday Bazaar

The date for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show at Sacred Heart Church has been set for November 13th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Applications are now being accepted for spaces to sell crafts. For more information and applications, call 786-9513.

Community Grange To Fete 100th Birthday

A change of plans (as announced recently) to honor Margaret Griffen on her 100th birthday, is now to be at the Grange Home card party on September 3rd. Her family and friends of Simsbury, Connecticut, want her company around August 20th.

This is a regular date for card parties sponsored by the Grange. Roberta Cesan and Evelyn Cordi are hostesses for September.

The public is welcome at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays every month. This one will be very special for all who attend.

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News photo by Joan Lussier.

The Big E Means Big Bucks For Many People During Sept. Run

The 1992 Big E will infuse approximately \$47 million into the local economy and provide temporary employment for approximately 3,300 area residents, according to Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary.

McCary said, "The 12 days of The Big E annually infuse approximately \$47 million into the local economy, a result of monies spent in the hospitality industry and its amalgamated services, including hotels and restaurant."

"These services are utilized by commercial and agricultural exhibitors, 4-H Club and FFA members and approximately one million Big E fairgoers, many of whom stay in the area for several days."

The Big E also provides jobs, temporarily employing close to 3,300 area residents as office, parking, maintenance and crowd control personnel and as salespersons, cooks, general laborers, wait persons, kitchen help and ride and game attendants in the Magic Midway area.

According to McCary, fair income of approximately \$7 million, derived from many sources including exhibitor's fees, ticket and parking revenues and sponsorships, reverts to the local economy when Fair officials purchase supplies and services from area businesses and hire area residents for temporary employment.

Other factors contributing to The Big E's economic impact, but not included in this market study, are: increased business at retail stores; local home and property owners allow fairgoers to park automobiles on their land; and increased business for firms who generate inquiries by exhibiting at the Fair.

The \$47 million tally is for The Big E alone and does not include the more than 100 events held at the 175-acre facility throughout the year, which also contribute to the regional economy.

In order to maintain, improve and provide a safe year 'round facility to stage events, the Exposition depends on the services of the Town of West Springfield.

In 1991, the Exposition paid \$167,523 for West Springfield police and fire services and \$20,897 for licenses, fees and inspectors' services. In addition, over \$221,000 was paid to the Town in taxes.

The 71st edition of The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," will take place September 16th-27th in West Springfield with top quality horse and livestock shows, exquisite edibles and exhibits, a premier entertainment line-up featuring Ronnie Milsap, Marie Osmond, Trisha Yearwood, the Everly Brothers, B.J. Thomas, Crystal Gayle, and more.

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Most of you that know me and my family know that my wife, Christine, is dying of cancer. We became aware of these facts two and a half years ago, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

After five operations and daily trips to the hospital for aggressive chemotherapy treatments during 1990, we thought we had conquered this terrible disease.

One year ago last week, on August 13, 1991, we were told that the cancer was back in a tragic way ... it had engulfed the liver and spread throughout the body.

We were told that there was no hope for any type of success with a bone marrow transfer or a liver transplant ... in fact, we didn't think Christine would live to see 1992.

Here we are, one year later and Christine is still alive and doing her best to live a normal life knowing that she is dying. She is determined to beat this killing disease through the power of our family's prayers and her positive mental attitude ... and that's where I need your help.

I'm asking everyone to please remember and pray for Christine on a daily basis ... as this appears to be her best chance for living. This young lady is the backbone of our family ... and my two sons, Michael and Jeffrey, and I, love her dearly ... and we can't imagine life without her.

Thus, the Rose family, and all of our relatives, would very much appreciate your daily prayers ... thank you so much!

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR CREDIT CARDS!

This week I am asking everybody to take just 15 minutes of their time to review their current credit card positions ... it could save you hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars over the upcoming years. My goal is to help you analyze how much you're paying in unnecessary interest charges and annual fees.

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Please make a list of all of the credit cards that you currently use, stating the name of the card, the bank affiliation (if any), the current interest rate, the grace period and the annual fee.

Then, if you carry a balance forward from one month to another, go one step further and calculate how much interest you pay in an average year.

For example, if you typically carry \$6,000 in credit card balances, and your current rate is 19.8%, you're paying just under \$1,200 a year in interest (how many weeks do you have to work to net \$1,200?).

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The 71st edition of The Big E will take place September 16th-27th, on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

According to Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary, approximately 500-600 people will be hired by Exposition officials directly to work as office, parking, maintenance and crowd control personnel. Big E concessionaires and exhibitors will hire 1,500 additional people.

Joyce Cunningham, principal interviewer for the Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.), estimates that approximately 1,200 people will be hired for temporary employ-



ment directly by D.E.T. for positions as salespersons, cooks, general laborers, wait persons, kitchen help, and ride and game attendants in the Magic Midway area.

Prospective employees must be at least 16 years of age to work at The Big E. Applications are currently being accepted at D.E.T.'s Springfield office at 1592 Main Street weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

From September 8th-27th, applications will also be accepted at a special employment trailer at its new location on the Exposition grounds inside Gate 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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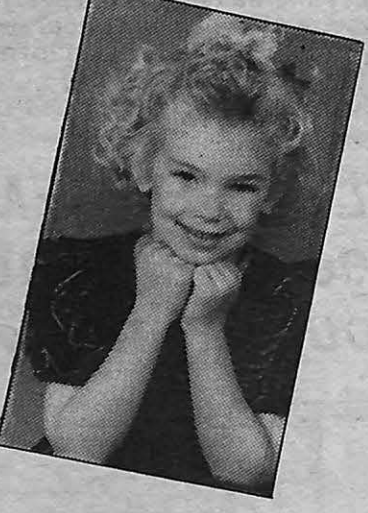
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RAY ROSE - from Page 17...

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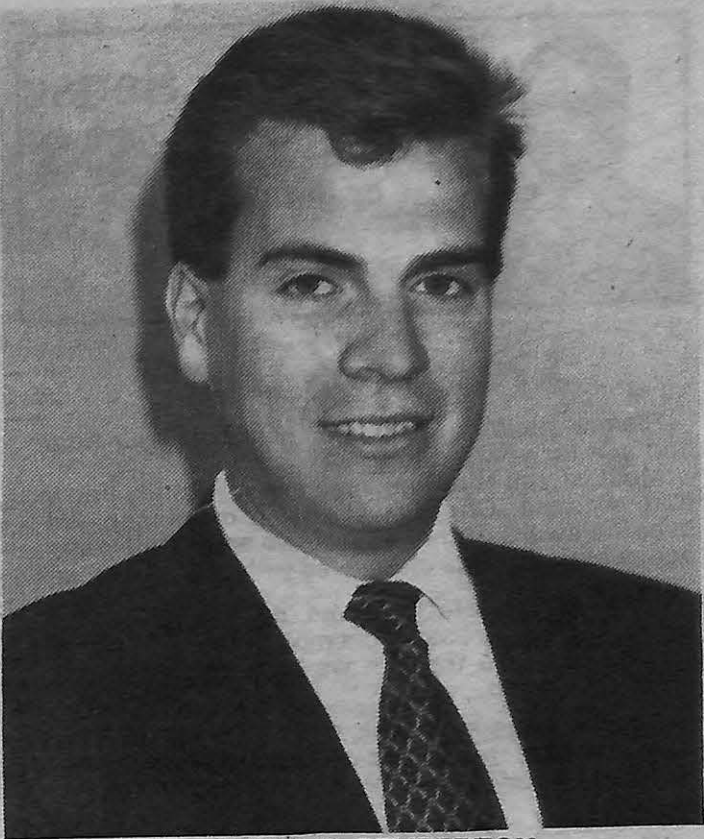
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As you can see, the opportunity for savings is tremendous. I can't stress to you enough that it only takes minutes of your busy schedule to analyze your current credit card position ... another few minutes to make the phone call ... and a few more minutes to complete the application and mail it.

There are very few ways to save this much money so easily ... why not take advantage of this situation now.



DAVID W. PEMBERTON

David Pemberton Promoted By Bank

David W. Pemberton has been promoted to departmental officer within the Credit and Lending Services Group of Old Stone Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, announces President James V. Rosati.

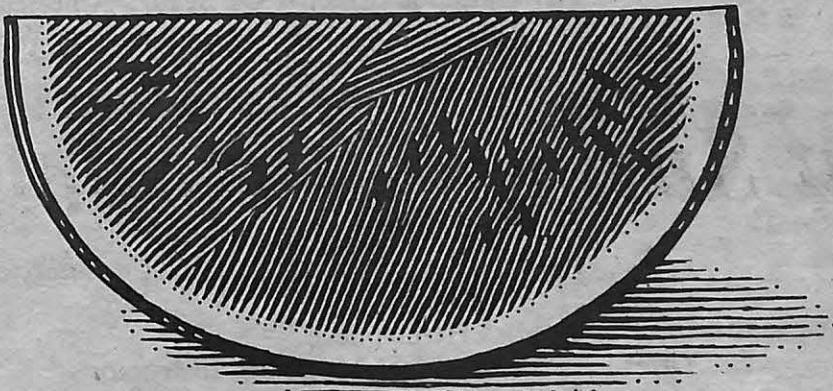
Mr. Pemberton joined Old Stone in 1990 as a credit analyst and was promoted to a loan officer in 1991.

He is a graduate of Stonehill College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and is enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at Providence College.

Mr. Pemberton resides in Blackstone, Massachusetts. He is the son of Carol F. Pemberton-McCann of Agawam.

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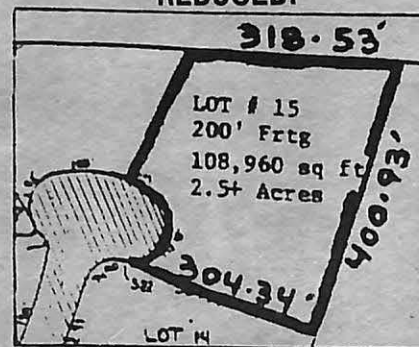


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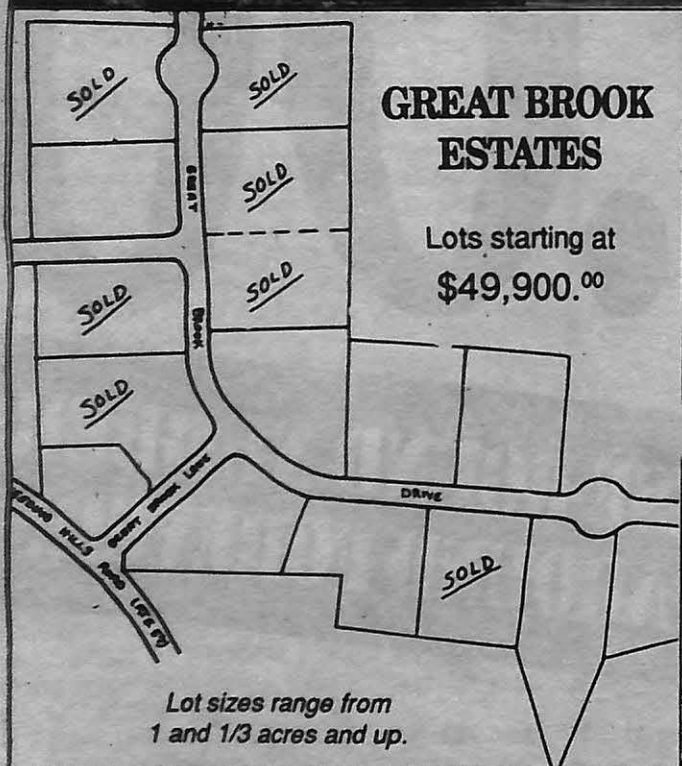
Cozy Cape in nice neighborhood. 6 RMS, 4 BR, and superbly maintained. Stone fireplace in LR, hardwoods, gas heat, and finished basement. Private, fenced backyard with deck and built-in gas BBQ. What a value! **\$94,900.**
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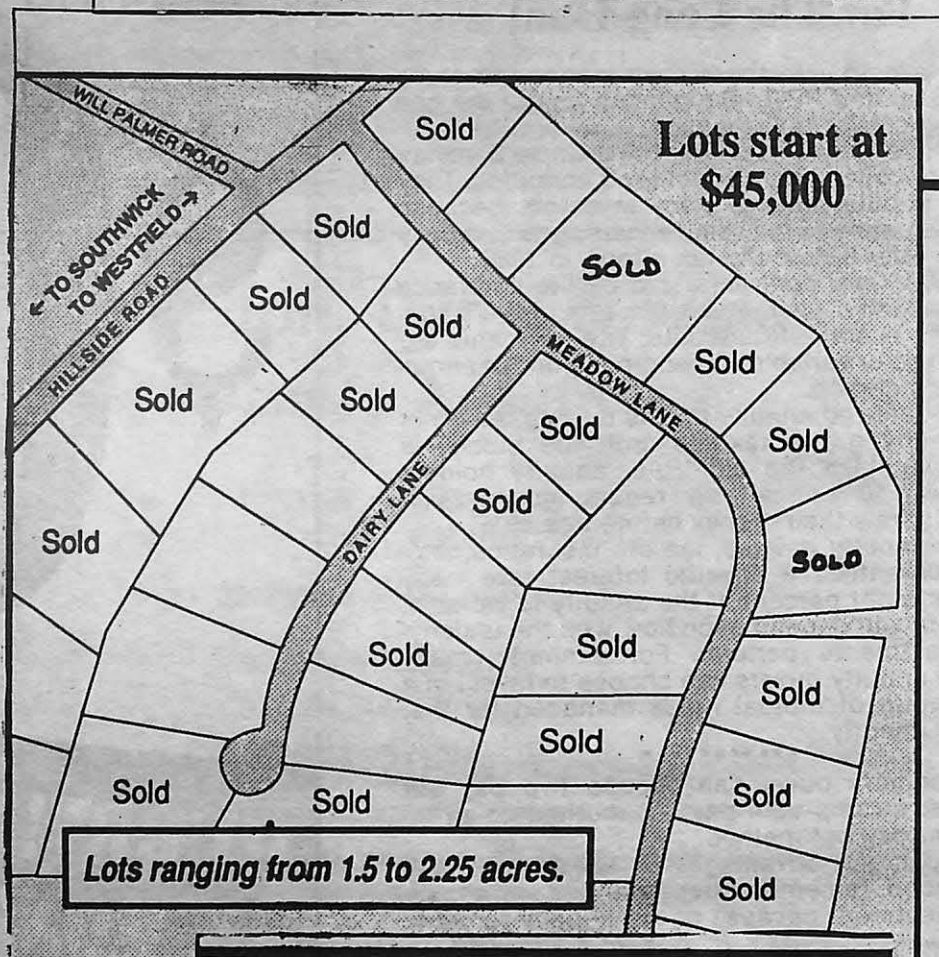
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Retired Judge William T. Walsh Leaving Full-Time Practice Of Law**

Retired Judge William T. Walsh of Agawam has left the full-time practice of law and is devoting his time to Alternative Dispute Resolution through mediation and arbitration.

Because of the ever increasing backlog of cases in the Massachusetts court system, arbitration and mediation of both civil and domestic disputes through private organizations has become a much sought-after alternative.

Judge Walsh retired from the bench in 1987 after 25 years at Springfield District Court, where he was First Justice.

Since that time, he has practiced law with the firm of Pellegrini and Seeley, P.C. in Springfield,

specializing in civil litigation.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, he practiced law in Springfield and also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Hampden County.

In addition, he served as Town Counsel for Agawam from 1954 to 1958.

Judge Walsh may be contacted through Garvey Communication Associates, 975 Main Street, Springfield or at his home at 107 Maple Street in Agawam.

His wife, Rosalie, credits his experience in arbitration as being due at least in part to the fact that he is the father of nine children.

For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages every week - AAN!



JUDGE WILLIAM T. WALSH

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Annuities: An Investment For The Long Haul

Few investments these days manage to elude Uncle Sam and his ever-extended hand - the one reaching out for tax revenues.

But there is one investment that Uncle Sam has to wait to collect on - tax-deferred annuities. They remain popular among many investors because they offer many of the same advantages that IRAs used to offer before the tax reform in 1986.

Annuities are contracts sold by life insurance companies that guarantee payments to the annuity buyers at some future date. The payments are either fixed or variable, depending upon the annuity buyer's choice.

A tax-deferred annuity means that all money in the annuity grows tax-free until the money is withdrawn. Like the old IRAs, annuity holders must pay a 10% penalty and regular income tax if they withdraw their money before age 59½.

If the annuity is fixed, the life insurance company guarantees a specific interest rate - say seven or eight percent. If the annuity is variable, the return will depend upon how well the underlying investments perform. For example, many variable annuity buyers can choose to invest in a small group of mutual funds managed for that specific annuity.

The annuity buyer can choose two pay out methods: a lump sum pay out method or an installment pay out method.

Although the advantages of tax-deferral may sound good, remember that annuities are a long-term investment because of the penalty for early withdrawals.

Some key points to remember in shopping for an annuity: Look at the insurance company that is offering the annuity. Make sure it is a sound life insurance company that has high ratings from at least two of the major rating agencies such as A.M. Best, Duff & Phelps, Moody's or Standard & Poors.

Also, compare surrender periods. Most annuities have a surrender charge in the first seven years. Some have a surrender period that is indefinite.

Make sure that you have the option of taking out your money in a lump sum or in a regular pay out program.

Finally, the old adage "If it sounds too good to be true" applies here. If the fixed rate is extremely high, beware. Make sure this high rate doesn't decrease dramatically over the years.

Annuities can play an important part in retirement planning, depending upon your financial objectives.

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Don't Let Fear Get The Better of You!

Dear Dr. Sobel: I so admire your ability to get up and speak to a group of people. I would be scared to death! Every time I try to speak at meetings held by community group, I literally freeze.

I heard you speak recently and was amazed at how you did not let anything or anyone bother you. You spoke with confidence. Any ideas to help me and perhaps many readers?

Thanks,
T.Y.

Feeding Hills

COMMENT: We are all "fearful" of many things in life. What I need to tell you is that feeling fear is many times a very usual reaction in new situations or circumstances that present a challenge.

Fear really never does go away. How do you deal with it? Best advice: Adapt the idea that you need to take actions, even though that "little voice" may say, "Don't do it" or "You have never done that before."

ACTION CONQUERS fear. When you take action, the fear seems to dissipate or find its own exit. Too many people do not live up to their great abilities because they allow the fear to control and overpower them, especially with public speaking!

Remember, you are in control of your life. Events and other people do not control you! Start to deal with fear by taking small actions, but take action. When you do this, you create a feeling of "Hey, I CAN DO THIS!" instead of "I'll never be able to do this."

Don't hold back on your dreams, desires and things you need to do to grow personally and professionally. Say to fear, "You're no big deal. I can handle you!" Also, look in the mirror several times a day and bolster your self-esteem by repeating several times, "I AM MORE THAN ABLE!"

Sometimes, when people are fearful, that means that they may be anxious to take on a new challenge. Use this as a positive motivational force in your life. Look at life as a series of challenges. All that counts is giving it your best shot each time!

Special offer to Agawam Advertiser News readers: My new tape, "STAND UP and DELIVER-premier techniques for public speaking," is a great way to learn the emotional and "technical" aspects of becoming a better speaker and dealing with the fear of speaking in or to a group.

Special price is \$8, plus \$2.50 shipping/handling and 5% tax. Send check payable to Dr. Sobel to: Dr. Steve Sobel, c/o NEISM, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

ALSO, you may ask for, at no charge, my "Ten Strategies for Success, Happiness and Extended Comic Vision." Please include your name and full address.

NEXT SEMINAR: September 10th, Wednesday evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - "THE REAL POWER OF LAUGHTER, HUMOR and DAILY POSITIVE ATTITUDE."

Call 785-1259 for registration form. Contact hours awarded. \$19 per person, with group discounts available.

FOUR SESSION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS called, "Creating High Self-Esteem for a Powerful and Fulfilling Life" starts September 20th.

Call for information. Small group program has helped hundreds achieve success and happiness.

Caregiver Support At Bronson Center

The Bronson Center for Rehabilitation will hold its next meeting of the Caregiver Support Group on Thursday, August 27th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Bronson Center Dining Room.

The support group was formed to help people deal with the daily caregiving of elderly or disabled family members. The meetings are free and open to the public.

For further information or to register, call Michele Chmura at (413) 568-2811, ext. 466.

Best Local News...

More Information On Rabies

by the Agawam Health Department

The following policies from the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control concern the management of dogs and cats exposed to wildlife.

DEFINITIONS

Euthanize:

Act or practice of killing domestic animals.

Viscera:

Internal organ of the body such as the heart, liver, or intestines.

Isolation:

1. Animal kept from human or animal contact.
2. Animal to be confined off owner's premises in an appropriate facility (e.g., dog pound, veterinary hospital, or kennel).

Strict Confinement:

1. Animal may be kept at home in a house, garage, or some other escape-proof building or enclosure approved by the local animal control official.
2. Animal may be leash-walked under immediate control of an adult.
3. Owner informed of potential rabies risk and given instructions in writing.
4. Owner required to notify veterinarian of unusual behavior or change in health status of pet.

Close Observation:

1. Animal may be kept at home.
2. Owner informed of potential rabies risk.
3. Owner required to notify veterinarian of unusual behavior or change in health status of pet.

Exposure Category:

I. Direct contact with or visible bite from confirmed rabid animal (including eating viscera).

- A. If dog or cat currently vaccinated.
 1. Booster immediately unless most recent vaccination was administered within one (1) month.
 2. Notify local health director and animal control officer.
 3. Strict confinement, with regular veterinary observation, for three (3) months.
- B. If dog or cat NOT currently vaccinated.
 1. Euthanize, or
 2. If owner unwilling:
 - a. Notify local health director and animal control officer.

control officer.

b. Isolate three (3) months and then strict confinement for three (3) more months, with regular observations, including by a veterinarian, throughout.

c. Vaccinate one (1) month before release.

II. Direct contact with or visible bite from confirmed rabid animal, including eating of viscera of a suspect rabid animal unavailable for testing.

- A. If dog or cat currently vaccinated.
 1. Booster immediately unless most recent vaccination was administered within one (1) month.
 2. Notify local health director and animal control officer.
 3. Strict confinement for three (3) months.
- B. If dog or cat NOT currently vaccinated.
 1. Euthanize, or
 2. If owner unwilling:
 - a. Notify local health director and animal control officer.
 - b. Strict confinement for six (6) months, with regular observations, including by a veterinarian, throughout.
 - c. Vaccinate one (1) month before release.

III. Wound of unknown origin, suspected to be caused by scratch bite (e.g., cat abscesses).

- A. If dog or cat currently vaccinated.
 1. Booster immediately unless most recent vaccination was administered within one (1) month.
 2. Close observation by owner for three (3) months.
- B. If dog or cat NOT currently vaccinated.
 1. Euthanize, or
 2. If owner unwilling:
 - a. Notify local health director and animal control officer.
 - b. Strict confinement for six (6) months, with regular observations, including by a veterinarian, throughout.
 - c. Vaccinate one (1) month before release.

* Additional information on rabies may be obtained as follows:

1. State Health Department - Division of Epidemiology, 617-522-3700, ext. 420-425.
2. Area veterinarians.
3. Local health department and/or animal control officer.

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Arts

Local Youth To Stage "Tip of Oz" At Red Door Theatre

"Tip of Oz" marks the fourth and final production in STAGE's Summer Theatre for Young People. The sequel to "The Wizard of Oz" by Frank Baum has been adapted for the stage by Suffield resident and award-winning actor/director Lyle Pearsons.

Thirty-nine young people from the surrounding towns have been attending this theatre camp for the past two weeks, participating in set painting, costuming, publicity, as well as acting and rehearsing in the show.

From Southwick are Alena Arnold, Rusti-Lin Girroir, Tyson Lawrence, and Marcy Secora; from Suffield come Katie and Kristin Alaimo, Erin Dieterich, Derek Donnelly, Jessica Drew, Nicole Ennis, Megan Ferenchak, Miranda Gogulski, April Hanson, Rebecca Mack, Ashley Maagero, Nicole Messmer, Amy Modzelesky, Mike Moreau, Tracy Naida, Michael Rossi, and Amy Wagar.

Young actors from Westfield are Libby and Sydney Darling, Bridget Hatch, Amber Lajewski, Emily and Sylvie Larsen, Elizabeth Neary, Amanda and Jason Rubin, and Ian MacFarland.

Other Massachusetts performers are Meghan Casey and Corey Lagunowich from Springfield, and from Feeding Hills come Alison Moran and Michelle and Michael O'Connor.

Rounding out the cast are Michelle Provost and Kim DeSimone from Enfield, and Brian Fairbanks of Granby.

STAGE theatre camps are run by co-producers Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons of Kit and Kaboodle fame. They have serviced over 150 young people this summer with their theatre camps, and have produced 15 productions in the four years that STAGE has been in existence.

"Tip of Oz" ends with four public performances starting Friday, August 21st, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 22nd, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 23rd, at 2:00 p.m.

The camps and performances are held at the Red Door Theatre on the campus of the Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center, 152 South Westfield Street, in Feeding Hills, MA.

All tickets are \$3, and reservations are strongly suggested and may be made by calling 569-0318 (evenings) or 789-2026 (days).

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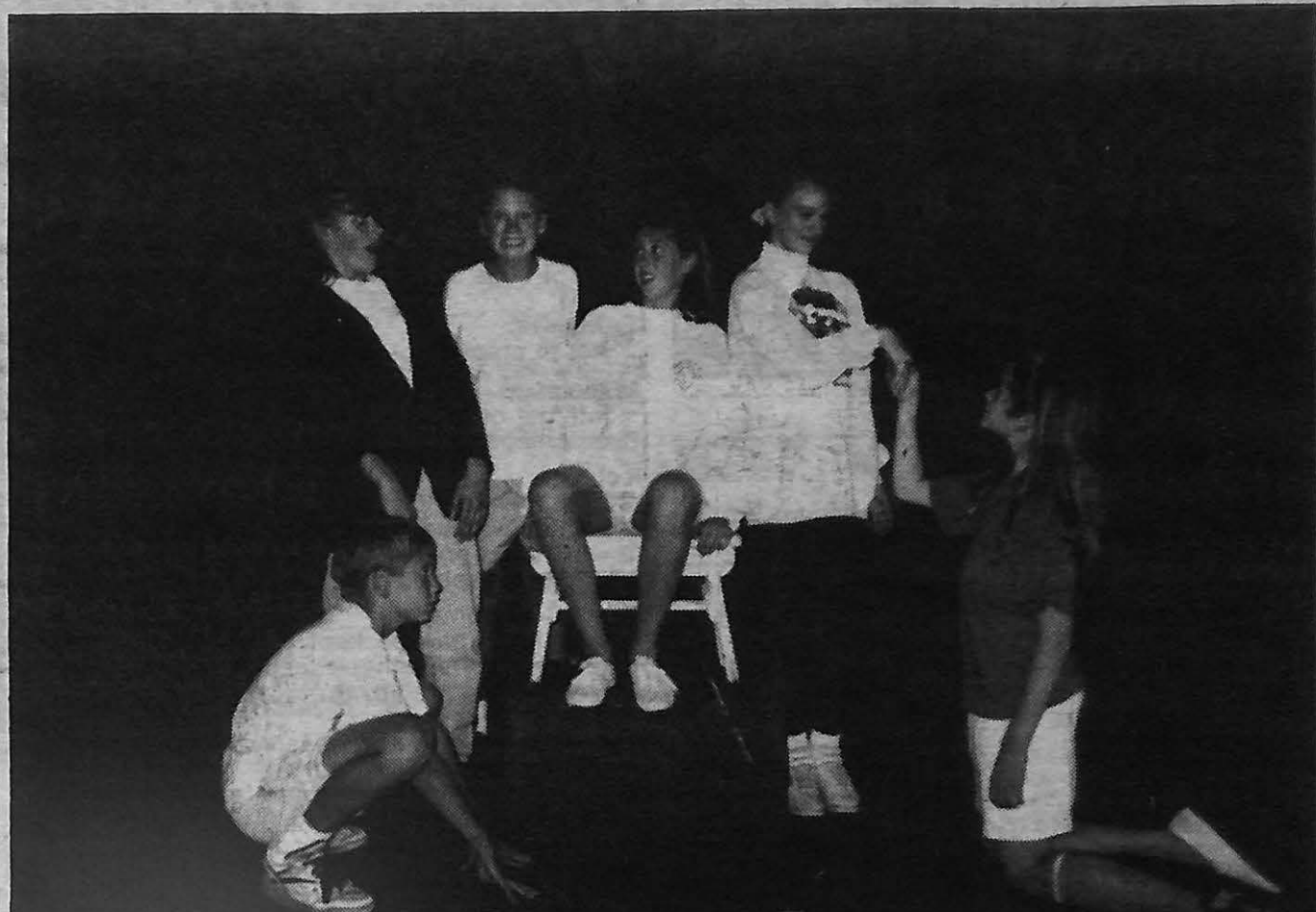
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STAGE STUDENTS rehearse for their production of "Tip of Oz" at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills at Valley Community Church. From left - Michael O'Connor of Feeding Hills; Katie Alaimo, Suffield; Tyson Lawrence, Southwick; Megan Ferenchak, Suffield; Alena Arnold, Southwick; Bridget Hatch, Westfield. Call 569-0318 for tickets.

Grants For Fall Cycle Now Available From Agawam Arts Council

The Agawam Cultural Council (formerly the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council) is now accepting applications from individuals and non-profit organizations for projects in the fall cycle granting period.

The deadline for Art Lottery grants is September 15th. It is required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council that all applications be typed and either postmarked or hand-delivered by the due date.

Funding for Performing Arts Student Series (P.A.S.S.) is also available, with an application deadline of September 15th.

Grant applications must be for a project of artistic or cultural benefit to the Agawam community. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis

only.

Grant applications must be submitted in triplicate to the Agawam Cultural Council, and applicants will be then scheduled for interviews.

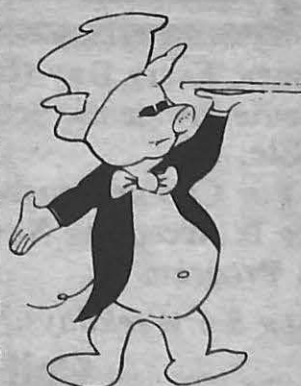
Any questions may be directed to Joanne Condon, chairwoman, 789-0994; Sylvia Deliso, 786-1859; or Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138.

Applications and detailed guidelines for both grants are available at either the reference desk of the Agawam Public Library or the Agawam Town Hall.

Completed applications may be mailed to Joanne Condon, chairwoman, 65 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01001 or delivered to the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



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Windsor Jesters Plan Auditions For Musical

The Windsor Jesters will hold auditions on August 24th and 25th, 7:00 p.m., L.P. Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, for a November production of *Fiddler On The Roof*. If needed, call-backs will be August 26th. Principal roles call for females aged 15-50's and males 20's to 50's, with a wide age range for chorus. Auditioners should bring their own sheet music; readings will be from the script. For more information, call 683-0571 or 688-6996.

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Town Historian

Justin Granger Had A Horse (Part Two In A Two-Part Series)

"John Goodrich was then a well-known horseman in Springfield. He was the owner of the Goodrich block at the corner of Main and Hampden Streets and maintained a fine stable.

He knew the quality of a horse after seeing him move and he owned one in his own string that had a mark of 2.40. He and Crossley were not the best of friends. There was no trotting track in Springfield then, the speeding being done on the old Chicopee road.

Crossley had the Granger horse for a few days, presumably with the intention of buying, and he found it convenient to be on the Chicopee road one afternoon when Goodrich was there, got alongside and beat him too easy.

Thereafter, Crossley wanted the horse badly. He claimed to have a lady at his house who wanted such a horse but she did not like the color but she would, however, give \$150 for him, Crossley remarking that he could replace it for Granger for \$50.

Price Dickered Continued For A Week

The dickered continued for a week. Crossley raising his offer by easy stages to \$600, he to receive a \$50 commission. He had meanwhile declared the horse a good-for-nothing, berating Granger for not accepting the offer.

Finally, he got out of temper with the owner and asked what he would take, anyhow. Mr. Granger replied \$2,000. Then it was Crossley that flew.

He had kept the horse in his stable for a day or two, but he told Granger to remove him at once or he'd ring his nose for him. Granger was favored with a prominent nose which had probably drawn the remark from the would-be buyer.

"Little Reed" was then the best-known driver hereabout, making his headquarters at Hartford. The horse was driven down there for Reed's inspection. He echoed the opinion given by the few

at home that he would be laughed out of town. Nevertheless, he went out to the Halfway House, managed by that astute horseman, Norris Holcomb. There was to be a trot next day and the Feeding Hills horse was a sort of side show.



JUSTIN L. GRANGER

Mr. Dalton, owner of the great five-miler known as the Dalton horse, wagered \$500 that the gray could not negotiate a mile in three minutes. When the horse was underway, Dalton tried to have the driver slow up as his money seemed to be vanishing, and when he was beaten, he declared it downright robbery.

The mile was done in 2.35½, only 11 seconds slower than the world's record of 2.24½ held by Flora Temple.

Race Rumored To Be Thrown

Later, he was matched against the Boston horse, Major Rogers. An effort had all along been made to keep the horse in the shade, even as

regarded the owner's gaining knowledge of his speed, and it was common talk that the race was to be thrown if it appeared that the Feeding Hills horse was the better of the two, and it was evident that he was not handled properly.

Holcomb was driving him and he explained to the judges that he had worked him the reverse way of the track and that he would go better that way.

In time, the horse was sold to Mr. Martin of Wallingford, Connecticut (then judge of probate) for \$2,350 and was placed with a driver named Root in New Haven.

A match was later made between the horse and Netty Holcomb to afford the gray an opportunity to redeem his reputation. The contestants were to hitch as they pleased, go in harness or saddle. Reed was to drive Netty.

Some of the spectators wanted Holcomb or some man of their selection to drive the gray, but Mr. Martin would not stand for this. He had placed \$1,000 on his horse quietly in the open, betting \$300 the other way. His horse won the race handily.

In 1863, he was driven to a record of 2.17. Eventually, Mr. Martin sold the horse to the then well-known sporting man, John Morrissey of New York, for \$10,000.

There were few handsomer, purer-gaited horses in New York in those days, and he soon attracted the attention of Commodore Vanderbilt.

The attention was emphasized one day when Morrissey and the Commodore were returning from the fashion course. It was said that Morrissey beat the Commodore so far away that he had time to alight and take a drink before the Commodore came up.

Vanderbilt Given Gelding

The Commodore and Morrissey were good friends, however, and when John learned that the many-millioned horselover coveted Rockingham, he made him a present of the gelding. Thereafter, the Commodore presented Morrissey with \$20,000 worth of Harlem railroad stock.

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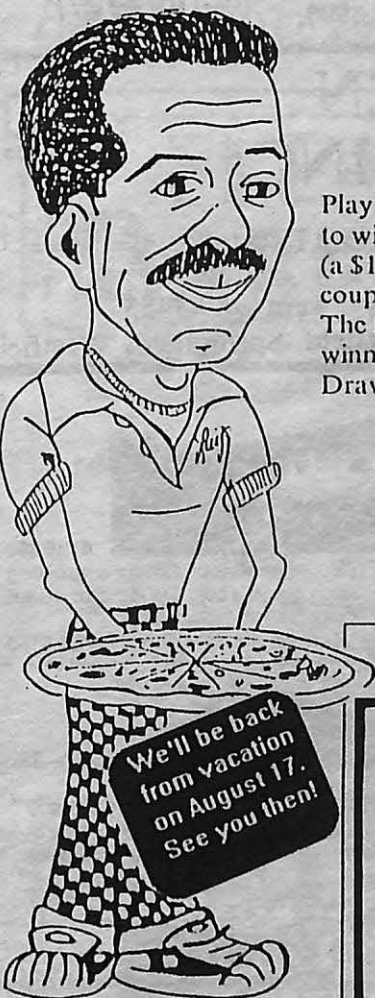
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General admission to CRAFTADVENTURE '92 is \$3, with children under the age of 12 admitted free of charge. Groups purchasing a minimum of 15 tickets can save 50%, with the cost of admission only \$1.50 per person.

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Entrants have created contemporary, traditional, realistic or abstract designs interpreting the theme of "Discovery."

In addition to featuring the finest in fine fiber and fabric artistry, CRAFTADVENTURE '92 will also present a fashion show of wearable art, an extensive new lecture series and hand art demonstrations.

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Prizewinning CRAFTADVENTURE '92 entries and all of the "Discovery 1492-1992" entries will be on display in the New England Center during The Big E, along with "Leonardo, 1452-1519," an exhibit detailing the scientific works of Leonard da Vinci, "A Century of Health Care in Springfield" and an exhibit from the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The 71st edition of The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," will take place September 16th-27th.

For more information on CRAFTADVENTURE '92, call Eastern States Exposition, weekdays, at (413) 737-2443.

IN OLD AGAWAM - from Page 24...

Vanderbilt kept the horse seven years, and then having a disagreement with Morrissey, returned the trotter to him.

Rockingham was 18 years old at that time, but was well preserved and really still a great horse. Morrissey put him up in a raffle for \$10,000 and he was won by a Utica barber, a colored man, for whom he made a pile of money, in fact, made him rich.

When Rockingham was 25 years old, he was bought by a Deerfield tobacco farmer, who changed his name to Tobacco Leaf. In those days, there was no danger of punishment for putting on a "ringer" and his owner entered him at country fairs and was able to pluck the minutest pinfeathers from the verdant chickens who risked their money against the seedy named veteran.

Two years later, he was being jogged on the Greenfield track at a fairly moderate gait when he fell dead without a moment's warning, pitching his driver over his head.

The story of the Granger horse would not be complete if reference were not made to an amusing incident that happened when Mr. Granger was at the Northampton track where a race was in progress, his driver having the horse in harness to jog him out.

After the competitors were off, the driver of Rockingham started around the same way, finally giving the horse his head. He fairly distanced the racers and the big crowd was wild with delight.

Very properly, the judges ordered them off the track, but the crowd gathered around the outfit and would not allow the driver to move away. The spavin heaved dam of Rockingham was later sold

for \$8 while in foal and the colt was bought by John Goodrich of this city.

Granger Purchase A Legend

Justin Granger joined the cavalcade of horsemen and others who had gone before, 20 years ago or more, but stories of his \$40 purchase and incidents that made him famous will be listened to with interest by horselovers for years to come.

The Granger boys who had to do with the youngster, now grown to mature manhood, are still living (1906). Ralph still resides in the old place at Feeding Hills. Justin L. living in Westfield. Fred and Frank at Bloomfield."

There's the story. Can it be true? Is Rockingham mentioned elsewhere?

First: I have in my possession the diary of Samuel Johnson of Feeding Hills. The entry for Sunday, November 21, 1858 says, "Justin Granger sold a horse for \$2,250."

Anything further? In the records of the Town Assessors is found the fact that Granger was assessed that year for "one horse, the best \$500. Another horse, \$20." So, he did have a very unusual horse.

In *Harper's Magazine* Vol. 47 (June-Nov. 1873) is a table showing the fastest time at one mile. Rockingham is listed at 2.22 1/4 under saddle.

What about Commodore Vanderbilt? A reliable book on the Great American Fortunes depicts Vanderbilt as totally engrossed with manipulation of his railroads and otherwise adding to his millions. His only recreation was "fast driving and whist."

Evidence adds up. Doubt becomes belief. Justin Granger had a horse.

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Education



French Students Enjoy Three Week Stays With Agawam Families

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Leaving home to visit a foreign country can be a lonely and scary experience, but many Agawam families opened their lives to visiting French students this summer and the teenagers found warmth and companionship.

Twenty-eight young men and women from France were placed in local homes for three weeks in July. They ranged in ages 13 to 19.

MaryAnn Dietschler of Agawam, community coordinator for the Intercultural Friendship Exchange, told us, "It's a real plus to bring foreign students into your home. Our whole family has benefitted from the experience."

"We had the opportunity to share our cultures. In doing this, the whole world expands beyond our local area. Many host families share the same feelings."

"Living with students from another culture," Mrs. Dietschler stated, "gives us an opportunity to really understand other people." There are other benefits to hosting foreign exchange students, according to her. "My children don't think of other countries as just another place they learned about in school. Now the other countries have become real."

Mrs. Dietschler isn't a newcomer to welcoming other children into her home. It started three years ago when her family hosted a boy from Saudi Arabia. She describes their experience as, "inspiring." The Dietschlers have been involved ever since.

Having the students this summer was special, because, according to Mrs. Dietschler, she was able to share it all with her daughter. There were many memorable experiences for the group.

Weekly field trips to various places that highlighted local and New England culture were taken with the students. One such trip took them to Plymouth Plantation while another outing featured Boston. In Bean Town, the children followed the Freedom Trail, visited the Boston Museum of Science, and shopped at the famed Quincy Market.

Students also visited the Statue of Liberty and New York's World Trade Center. The children also went to the Mark Twain House in Hartford and visited the Harriet Beecher Stowe Homestead.

One American institution they don't have in France is softball. While here, the French teens learned all about it and enjoyed the sport. Mrs. Dietschler organized all the teens (from host families and the students) into four integrated teams. They called themselves the Mayflowers, the Indians, the Pilgrims, and the Plymouth Rockers. Mrs. Dietschler made each of the various team members their own shirts to bolster team spirit.

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continued on Page 27...

A WELCOME PARTY WAS held at the home of Tom & MaryAnn Dietschler on 281 Elm Street, Agawam for visiting French students staying with Agawam families. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A POOL PARTY at the home of Ralph & Eileen Rose on Princeton Avenue in Feeding Hills for visiting French high school students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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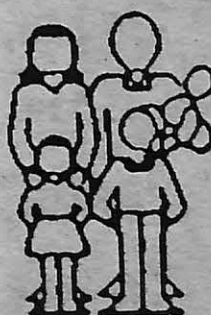
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Kindergarteners At Phelps School Can "Get Acquainted"

Don't be surprised if you see school buses filled with smiling Phelps School kindergartners enjoying a ride to school next Wednesday.

No, school has not officially started in Agawam, but Phelps Elementary School will hold a special "get acquainted" run of the kindergarten bus on Wednesday, August 26th. All Phelps kindergarten students and a parent or caregiver are encouraged to participate.

The morning session pick-up will start at 8:45 a.m.; morning walkers are asked to arrive at the school at 9:20 a.m. The afternoon session pick-up will start at 9:30 a.m.; afternoon walkers are asked to arrive at 10:00 a.m.

The buses for this event have been donated by Five Star Transportation Service. Drivers Sandra Wise and Theresa Barlow, and monitor Sandra Brown, have generously donated their time to help make the children feel more comfortable about riding the bus.

Principal William Miller, kindergarten teachers Jane Sauter and Patricia Kallfa, and members of Phelps PTO will be on hand to welcome the kindergartners.

A program will be presented to help familiarize the children with their classroom. PTO members will be able to answer questions from parents regarding the role of parents in the school.

This is the third year Phelps School has sponsored the "Let's Get Acquainted" program. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Sue Dempsey, 789-0195.

FRENCH KIDS - from Page 26...

Other summer fun included many pool and pizza parties. The students reciprocated by cooking French specialties for their host families. One such treat was the famous French crepes.

Learning about the American school system was interesting for the foreign students. In France, school is held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Half-days are in session on Wednesday and Saturday. There are no proms and no interschool sports competitions. Students in France do have physical education classes and competitions within those classes are the only ones scheduled. Mrs. Dietschler said the students were also fascinated with Agawam High School Year Books (since the French schools don't publish them).

This summer's exchange program was a success and was exciting for all the children, according to Mrs. Dietschler. She explained that since many of the Agawam 15-year-olds are too young to work, they usually spend their summers just hanging around or going to the mall.

"This summer, however, the trips galvanized them into going places they ordinarily wouldn't be going to. The French may have arrived as foreign exchange students, but they left as friends."

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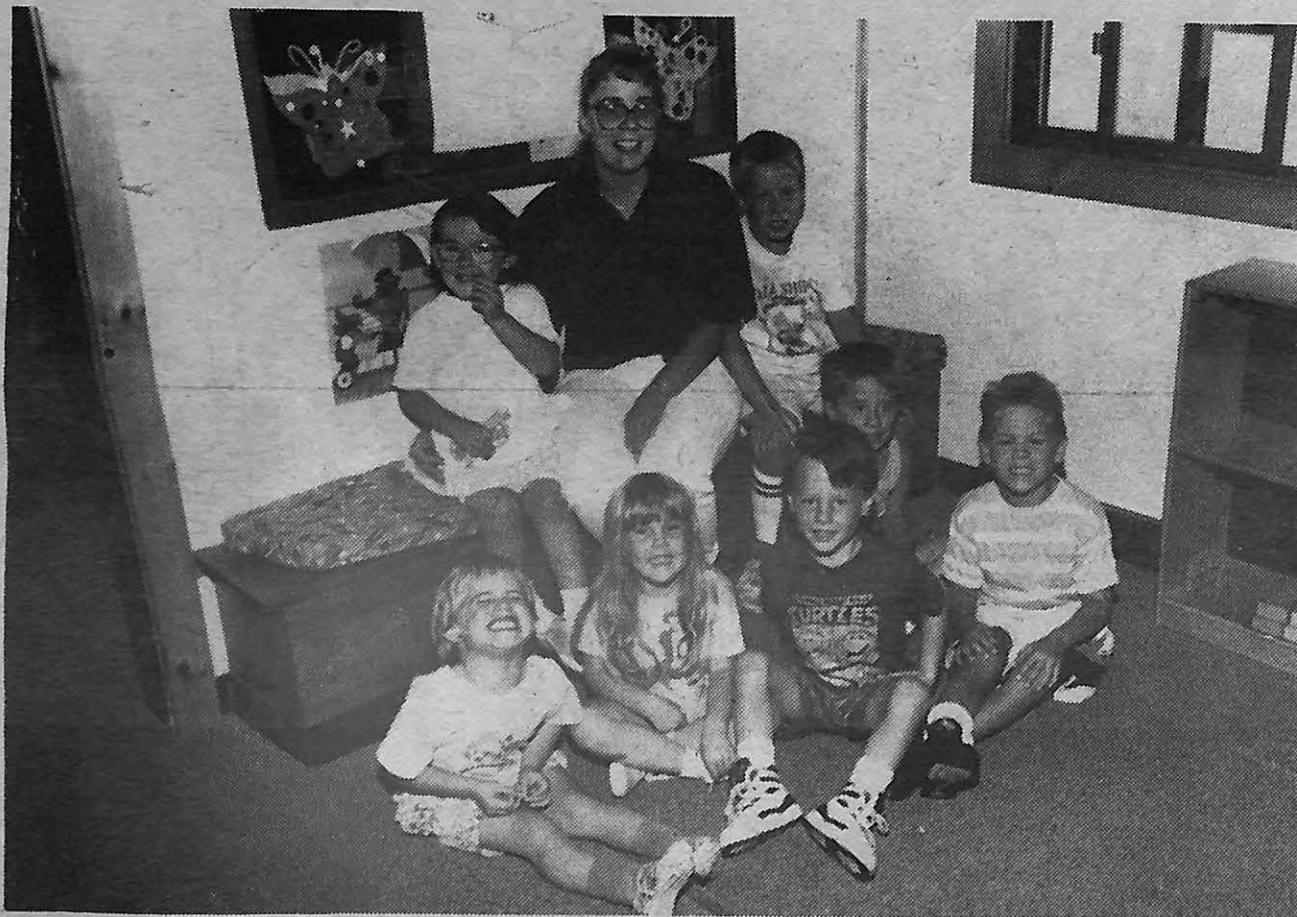


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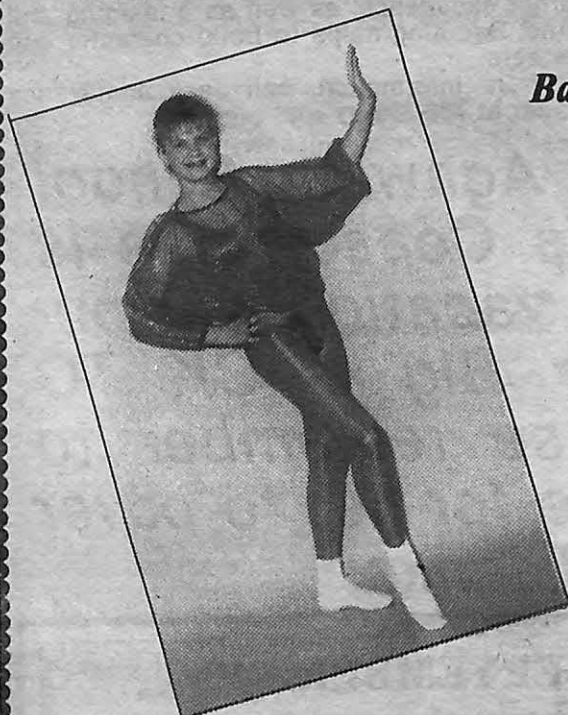
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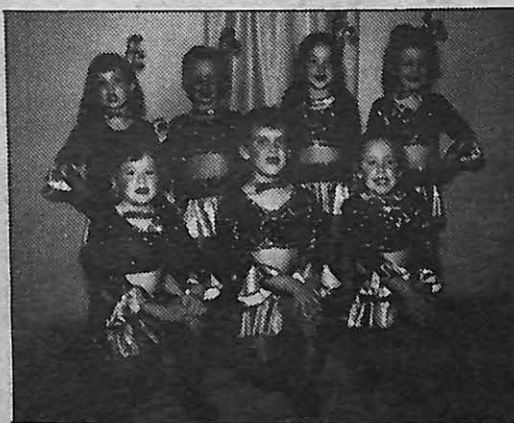
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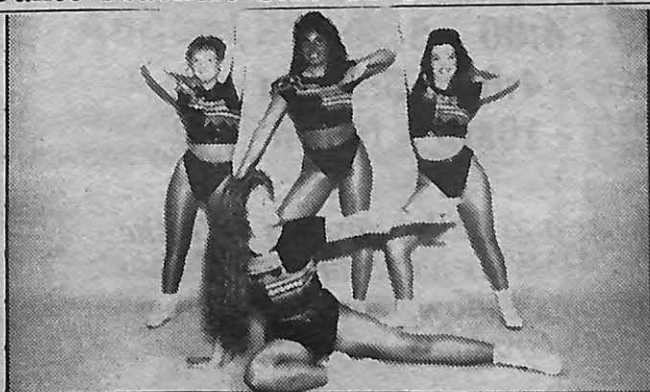
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Guidance personnel at the Middle and Junior High Schools will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

High School guidance staff will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for registration of new students and for conferences.

Agawam Schools will open on Wednesday, September 2nd. At the high school, only ninth grade students will be required to attend on September 2nd.

On Thursday, September 3rd, all high school students, grades nine through 12, will be required to attend.

ENTRANCE AGE:

The State Board of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll, and

2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll.

Students who attend a kindergarten program in a public school system outside Agawam or who attend a kindergarten program approved by the superintendent, may be allowed to enter first grade if Agawam school officials determine that it would be educationally appropriate.

AHS Mohawks Set To Begin Aug. 24th

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks will begin the fall season with a week of concentrated practice on Monday, August 24th, at 9:00 a.m.

This first week of rehearsal, commonly known as "Band Camp," will run Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the exception of Thursday, when rehearsal will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The week's activities will culminate in a public performance at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27th.

All new and returning members of the AHS Band and Colorguard should plan on being in attendance for the "Band Camp" session.

If there are any conflicts with the schedule, members should contact Drum Majors Jessica Liptak or Jesse Mueller, Colorguard Captains Joy Conte or Debbie McKenna, or Rifle Captain Kim Graveline.

There are several instrumental openings in the band this year, with the need strongest in the percussion section.

Anyone with even a limited knowledge of keyboard instruments is encouraged to play one of the mallet percussion instruments, such as xylophone, and others are encouraged to join in on other instruments in the drum section. Little or no experience is required.

Attendance at the first rehearsal on August 24th is a must. Membership in the AHS Marching Mohawks is limited to Agawam students in grades nine through 12.

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The Baystate Medical Center Auxiliary has awarded \$44,500 in scholarships to 47 students in the Pioneer Valley who are studying in the health career fields.

Among those receiving awards from the Agawam and Feeding Hills area are Catherine Hill of Ruth Avenue, Agawam, and Nancy Hill of Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills.

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Middle School PTO To Meet Sept. 14th

The first Agawam Middle School PTO meeting of the 1992-1993 school year will be held on Monday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents of fifth and sixth grade students are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. The monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. September's meeting is one week late due to the Labor Day holiday.

As your children get older, they need to know that their school is an important part of their lives and they still need their parent(s) to show that they care.

Please join the PTO for their board meeting and give your support to your children and the Agawam Middle School. They look forward to seeing many interested parents there.

Jr. High PTO Plans Sept. 21st Meeting

The first Agawam Junior High School PTO meeting of the 1992-1993 school year will be held on Monday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents of junior high school students are welcome and encouraged to attend. These monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

Please show your support for the school, staff and students by attending and giving a few hours of your time.

NO ONE COVERS the Agawam School Department like our Iris Copson. Iris is back from her summer vacation beginning next week in our Big BACK TO SCHOOL edition. Please remember to give Iris plenty of notice for her to cover a school-related story. Thanks.

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Registration Night For Scout Pack 75

Cub Scout Pack 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will be holding a registration night for grades 1 through 5 on Tuesday evening, August 25th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center on Springfield Street.

The registration will be broken down as follows: Grade 1, Tiger Cubs; Grade 2, Wolf; Grade 3, Bear; Grade 4, first-year Webelos; and Grade 5, second-year Webelos.

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Sports

Smith Delivers Winning Hit... Agawam Auto Stuns People's Bank For Tri-County Crown

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

He didn't look especially antsy. He stood tall and straight in the box. His eyes focused on a guy named Ron Schortmann. He had gone through a series of superstitions prior to stepping into the batter's box.

But to know Shawn Smith, you had to know that the insides of this likeable 19 year-old were ready to explode. Though playing excellent defense as always in leftfield, he had fallen into a deep slump in recent weeks. He had to feel like it was now or never.

Wanted This One Badly

His dad, Gerry, was his high school baseball coach. His brother, Boo, was his Tri-County Baseball League coach. His mother and sister and all the relatives were looking on. He knew how badly they wanted him to come through in this biggest at-bat of the season.

Whatever the dynamics, whatever the emotions, whatever the game situation, Shawn Smith still had to come through. Gerry thought Shawn had simply been taking too many pitches lately. Boo thought Shawn was trying too hard and thinking too much. Ann, his mom, just wanted this slump to end.

And it did. Immediately.

Smith took Schortmann's first pitch and laced it through the shortstop hole. A streaking Chris Lawler raced towards home and eluded the tag of catcher Pete McAndrew. Lawler's fast feet and Smith's clutch hit had given Agawam Auto School its first ever Tri-County League Championship over favored People's Bank of Holyoke, three games to one.

It wasn't long before Messrs. Ray Burgess and Brian Griffin were lathering each and every teammate in champagne. Auto School had won a tense, 2-1 battle in a game played in a steady rain at Agawam High School last Sunday afternoon in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Wayne Chopus had done yeoman's work on the mound by spacing seven singles and three walks to keep his team in the ballgame throughout this

rainy Sunday.

With the win, Agawam Auto School had beaten the regular season's best team by outpitching and outhitting them - hands down.

Agawam was able to play a comfortable ballgame most of the way because they grabbed the lead almost instantly. And it was again no surprise that the top of the order did the damage.

Jason Wooley pulled Schortmann's first pitch down the leftfield line for a double in the bottom of the first. One out later, Ray Burgess bounced a single through the shortstop hole and Wooley only got a cursory look from the leftfielder as he headed for home. The ball went to second base.

Two straight infield hits by People's had shortstop Brian Griffin pulling his hair out for a minute in the second. With two outs, Rocky Brunelle bounced one up the middle. Griffin dove and came up with it but he couldn't get back to his feet on the slick track that was the Sunday afternoon infield.

The next batter, Billy Lamirande, rolled one into the shortstop hole. Again, Griffin fielded it but there was no play on the slowly hit ball. Chopus went right back to work and got Pete McAndrew to rap a two hopper to Brian Doyle at third. Doyle tagged the bag and didn't even have to throw the wet ball to end the inning.

Griffin made a big play in the fourth when he flagged Bill Sandillo's hot shot to the hole. He made the backhand cleanly and came up firing. He easily made the out with a strong throw across the diamond. That proved rather important when Jim Hart grounded a single to right on the next pitch.

Burgess got his second of three hits to lead the fourth for Agawam but Bob Altobelli rapped into a double play.

Pressure On In The Fifth

People's put pressure on in the fifth by knotting the score with solid hitting, smart baserunning, and a fortuitous bounce. A one out single by McAndrew put the tying run aboard. Kevin Foley bounced into a fielder's choice to replace McAndrew on the bases.

The speedy leadoff man got a running start off Chopus and swiped second base with ease. Darren Izzo whistled one right at Doyle at third. Doyle, a solid defensive player, went down to get the ball which naturally took a hop about three feet over his head. It rolled into left as Foley rolled into home. The ballgame was tied and the rain was beginning to really pelt down.

People's rallied again in the sixth. This time they came up empty. Sandillo singled hard to left-center leading off. Hart sacrificed him up a base. Smith had Chopus intentionally pass Mundorf. And then Chopus did the rest. He got Brunelle to bang into a fielder's choice and whiffed Lamirande to squelch the threat.

Agawam did nothing with the lumber in the sixth and then survived an Izzo two out single in the seventh.

Burgess led Agawam's seventh and that meant nothing but good things in these playoffs. He came through time after time. There is no understating what this wizard with the bat did during these playoffs.

The lefty line drive hitter had followed up an amazing semi-finals series vs. Chicopee Falls Tigers (where he batted .568) and upped that by ripping his way to .615 (8-13) in the finals. For the entire playoffs, Burgess went 16-27 for a hefty .592 average.

Led With A Sturdy Single

It didn't surprise a soul when Burgess led with a sturdy single to left. Altobelli bounced into a fielder's choice and Boo Smith showed his guts by taking Altobelli's big bat out of the lineup and inserted Lawler's fast feet. Boo wanted the run. Now.

Henneberry popped up. But Lawler followed that by stealing second which proved a crucial moment in this game. Catcher Frank Mochak drew an intentional walk and People's went after Shawn Smith.

As it turned out, it was the wrong thing to do.

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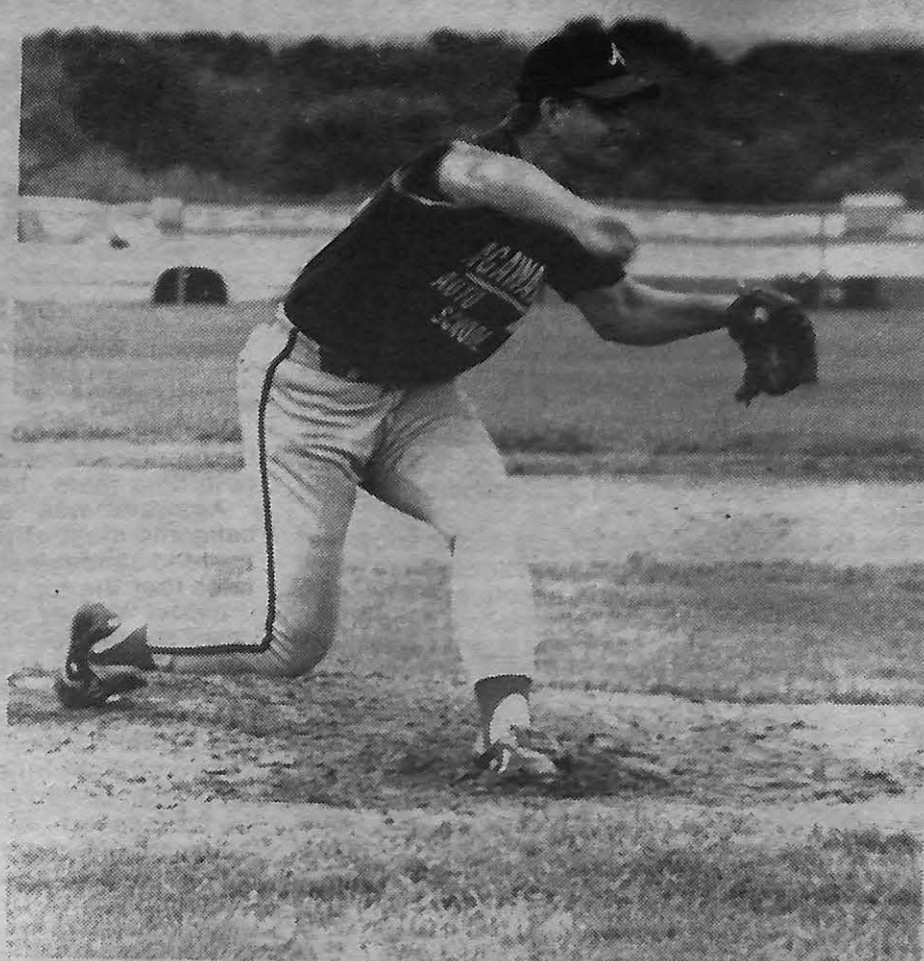
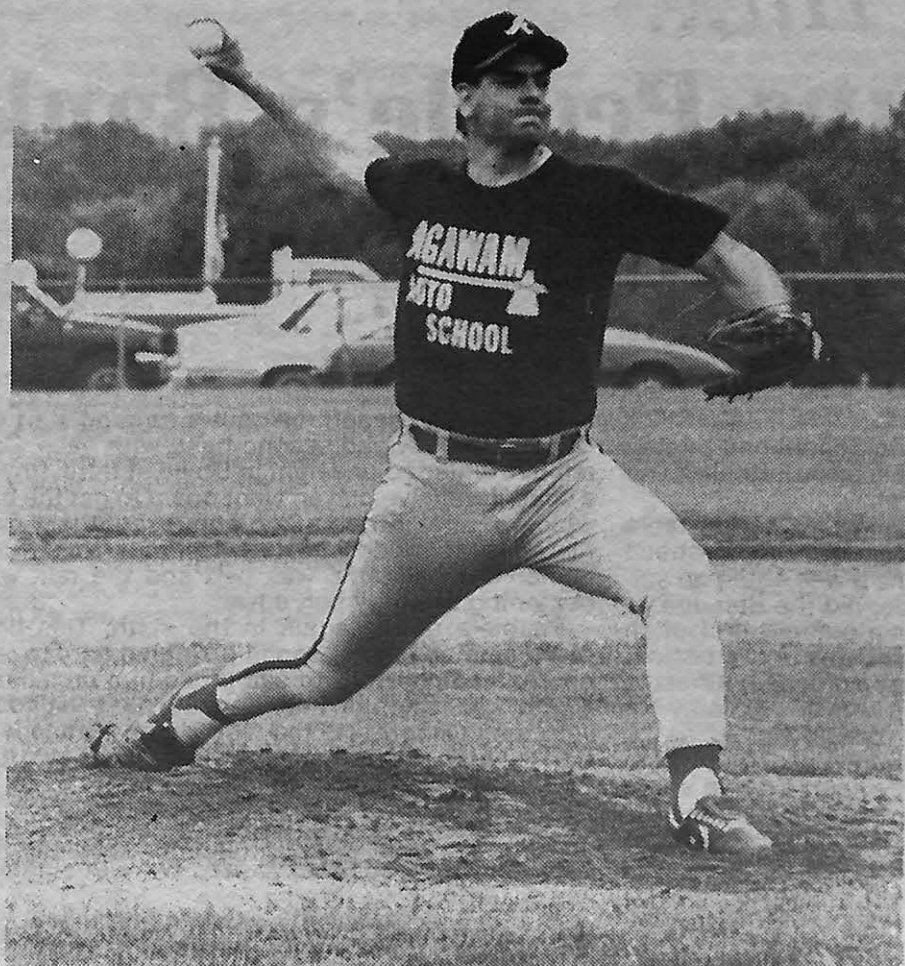
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AGAWAM AUTO SCHOOL'S JIM WALKER pitched an excellent game last Friday night despite bowing, 4-2 to People's Bank of Holyoke. The win was the only one for People's in the best of five series. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Tri-County Baseball Championships... **Auto School's Tight 2-0 Victory Over O'Neill In Game Three Keys Drive To League Title**

by **Bob Johnson**
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Two of the league's top pitchers combined to entertain the masses at MacKenzie Field in Holyoke on a brisk, autumn-like evening last Saturday night.

As the breeze cut through the patrons and players, both Jeff Spanswick of Agawam Auto School and Dan O'Neill of People's Bank had their minds in much warmer places. Both aces were going on two days' rest because both fellows had Southern-bound plane tickets ready to be used the following day.

Spanswick was to begin his vacation in Florida on Sunday, and O'Neill and his family were moving to the Atlanta area the following day.

You'd have never known that they were pitching on short rest, as both hurlers threw splendidly in

the third game of the best of five Tri-County League championships.

Spanswick proved victorious with his mighty three-hit, one-walk performance in a 2-0 Auto School whitewashing.

O'Neill pitched valiantly, too, but the seven singles he allowed in going the route were two too many. John Henneberry and Ray Burgess reached him for RBI hits that ultimately spelled defeat for the dazzling lefthander.

After both guys steamrolled the top of the batting order in the first, Agawam appeared to have something cooking in the top of the second.

Bob Altobelli walked and Henneberry slammed a single to left. Facing the tough Frank Mochak with two down and nobody out, O'Neill suddenly

improved his chances without throwing a pitch.

Looking For The Sign

He looked intently in for the sign and went slowly into his stretch. Quicker than you could blink an eye, the ball was sailing out towards second base, and Altobelli was hung out to dry. Two fly balls later had O'Neill strolling back to the third base dugout.

Bill Sandillo singled with one out in the second and moved himself into scoring position by swiping the second base bag. Spanswick extricated himself by striking out Brian Mundorf and getting Jim Hart to pop to short.

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O'Neill didn't get the best of defense in the fourth and it cost him a very big unearned run. Brian Griffin walked leading off, and Ray Burgess hit a tailor-made, double play ball to short. It was kicked around long enough to allow both runners to reach their destinations.

Altobelli flied to center, but Henneberry fought off an inside pitch and squibbed it through the large hole on the right side, which allowed Griffin to speed home with the game's lone run to that point.

People's had a most unpleasant and painful fourth inning as their big hitter, Mike Kennedy, reached on a throwing error and then was out stealing to end the inning. More than that, he injured his leg and had to be carried off the field, ending his season.

Shawn Smith walked leading the fifth for Agawam, but despite a sacrifice and a steal of third, he would not score in the inning. People's got their leadoff man aboard in the fifth, but Agawam got out of that potential jam with one of the biggest heads-up plays seen this season.

Brian Doyle, who had been battling a hitting slump and a rough game 3 in the field, atoned by making the alert play. With Mundorf reaching on the lead single, Hart tried to bunt him over to second base.

Hart popped the bunt up towards third, and Doyle came racing in from the cut of the grass to make an easy grab. Instead, he pulled up a half-foot short and let the ball bounce.

He fielded it on the first hop and fired to Altobelli for the out at first. Bob stepped out and fired down to Griffin at second base, and it was your basic 5-3-6-3 double play!

Agawam's Potential Insurance

Agawam looked like they might get some insurance when Griffin and Burgess started a mini uprising with singles. With hitters 4, 5, and 6 due up to the plate, it looked as if Agawam was in business.

Instead, Altobelli struck out and Henneberry flied to right. Mochak did reach when the second baseman booted his ball, but Smith fanned to end the threat with Agawam still hanging on to a 1-0 advantage.

Spanswick kept right on rolling as he set down the side in order in the sixth, and the teams headed to the all-important inning of truth.

After two routine outs in the top of the seventh, Jason Wooley pushed a perfect bunt base hit up the first base line. Griffin followed with a hit-and-run single to right (sending Wooley to third), and Burgess came through again as he served a low line single to center for the big pad run.

It looked really important in the bottom as Mike Levin walked leading off. Unable to play for the one run, Bill Guzman was not in a bunting situation. Spanswick sent him to the bench with a called third strike to think about.

Then he took the game 2 hero Sandillo and induced him to hit into a double play to end the ballgame and send the Auto School back to Agawam, looking to clinch.

LOOK WHO'S 50!



Happy Birthday

Tri-County Baseball Championships... Grand Slammer In Seventh Inning Sends People's To 4-2 Win In Game Two Of Finals

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There's an old saying when you're playing pool that when your opponent calls a bank shot, you tell him or her that the "bank's closed." A little oneupsmanship, don't you see.

Well, Westfield Savings Bank was closed last Friday night, but Connie Sandillo was still in there cleaning out the vault or whatever it is that bankers have the tellers do after hours.

She was trying to finish up as fast as she could so that she could see her son, Bill, play Tri-County baseball for People's Bank that night against Agawam Auto School.

Mom Misses Grandslam Homerun

Bill hung on for as long as he could, but Connie still didn't get there in time to see her son crack a tremendous grandslam homerun in the top of the eighth inning that propelled People's into a 1-1 series tie in the best of five championship series with Auto School.

Jim Walker had hurled the game in regulation for Agawam by throwing a dominating four hit shutout. Pat Considine threw just as impressive a ballgame as he matched zeroes with Walker through the first seven.

The game was one of the crispest seen this season as both righthanders threw smoke throughout the game and the batters were getting their ribs early in the count.

Walker retired the first seven batters before giving up a one out double in the third. Considine gave up a two-out walk to Ray Burgess of Agawam in the first and one out double to Frank Mochak in the second. The first two innings took 18 minutes to complete ... the game was sailing.

Jason Wooley drew a one out free pass in the third for Agawam, but after stealing second, he died there as the next two hitters went out.

Darren Izzo slapped a single to right leading the People's fourth, but Mochak gunned him down trying to steal.

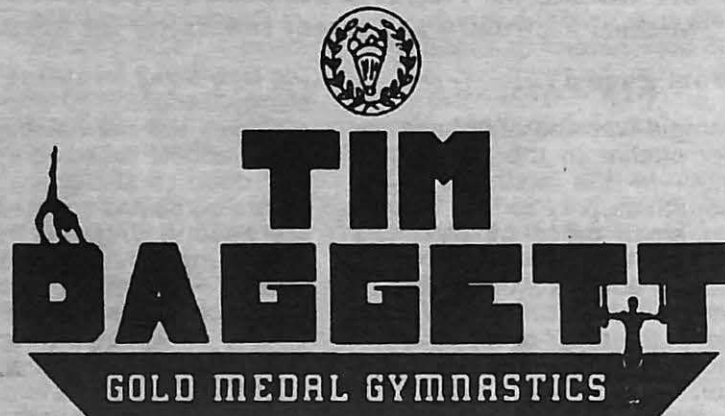
Agawam Misses Scoring Opportunity

In the Agawam fourth, it blew the only legitimate scoring opportunity of the game. With one out, John Henneberry muscled a blooper to right-center off the handle of his bat. Mochak walked and Shawn Smith dribbled a little basehit on the right side of the infield to load the bases.

Brian Doyle fought off five two strike fastballs before spinning a little blooper toward rightfield that was snared by the second baseman. Tim Sheehan got three good ribs at the Considine fastball, but he whiffed on high smoke to end the inning.

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MEMBERS OF THE 1992 Tri-County Baseball Champs, Agawam Auto School, are pictured with young Michael Pietroniro at a recent fundraiser for Michael held during one of the team's recent games.

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Burgess' two-out single was the only baserunner allowed by either pitcher in the fifth. Kevin Foley's two-out single in the sixth gave the visitors the only basepath activity of that frame.

Brian Griffin got a small piece of Sandillo's lead-off single in the seventh as he dove on the boulder up the middle. People's was unable to advance him off the tough slants of Walker. Agawam went in order in their half of the seventh.

People's got a little bonus time once it went to extra innings. Walker, who had recorded a tidy 0.00 ERA over 13 playoff innings, faced the diminutive Bill Guzman leading off the eighth. Guzman was late on every Walker offering all day. But this ended up working to People's advantage when he dropped a pop-fly double on the leftfield line while batting with a two strike count.

Ron Viens entered the ballgame after Guzman was sacrificed to third. Mike Levin pinch-hit for Pete McAndrews and he fouled off four 3-2 pitches before working a walk. Kevin Foley walked to load the bases bringing the contact hitting Izzo to the plate.

Viens drew the cheers from the crowd by blow-

ing Izzo away on strikes, but then had to face the sturdy Sandillo.

Connie was still counting the money at the bank ... but, Sandillo muscled up anyway and slammed a ball deep to straightaway left. Shawn Smith got on his horse and sprinted after the ball. He made a last second lunge and the ball tipped off his glove and bounded further away from the diamond. Four People's baserunners crossed on the play and Auto School was in trouble.

Altobelli Keeps Hopes Alive

When they came up in their eighth, Burgess continued his torrid hitting by creaming a double to the fence in right-center. Bob Altobelli kept the hopes alive by murdering a triple to left-center to spoil the shutout. John Henneberry kept the rally at full throttle when he hammered a single to center making the score 4-2.

Mochak followed with a vicious shot down the leftfield line that fell about three or four feet foul. Ultimately, Frank went down on strikes and Smith flied to center to end an exciting ballgame.

The scene was set to shift back to Holyoke for Game Three featuring two of the league's top pitchers (Jeff Spanswick of Auto School and Dan O'Neill of the Bankers).

Agawam Soccer Asso. Seeks Volunteers For Soccer Tournament

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Tri-County Baseball Championships...

Auto School Nips People's In Opener

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It looked for all the world that Agawam Auto School was going to enjoy a laugh against People's Bank in the first inning of their Tri-County League Championship series opener at McKenzie Field in Holyoke last Thursday night.

Au contraire. It took two gutsy pitching performances to see Tim Doyle pick up the win and Ron Viens grab his save as the Auto School hung on by an eyelash to win the ballgame 5-4 and grab a 1-0 series lead.

Auto School Steals Home Field Advantage

When the ballgame ended, Viens was in the middle of a big mess—much of which was self-created. But, he sawed off the final batter with the bags full and Auto School had successfully stolen away the home field advantage from their favored Northern Division rivals.

Chris Roy, the lefty starting pitcher for People's, didn't look like much of a puzzle early as Jason Wooley and Brian Griffin immediately hit low burners through the shortstop hole to set the table for the heavy lumber.

Ray Burgess responded by pumping a single up the middle to score Wooley easily with the game's first tally. Musclemen Bob Altobelli strode to the plate and calmly waited back on the first pitch and then drove it about 375 feet down the rightfield line. It easily had homerun distance, but it was 10 or 15 feet foul. Ultimately, he would work a walk and load the bases.

John Henneberry lifted a sacrifice fly to center for the second run. Frank Mochak walked and Shawn Smith came to the plate. He, too, went after a pitch early in the count and he sent a low and hooking hard hit smash down the leftfield line. The ball fell inches foul and could have blown open the ballgame.

Instead, Smith flied to shallow right. Brian Doyle bounced into a fielder's choice and Roy and People's had gotten off the hook cheaply.

It looked even bigger when Darren Izzo reached on a one out error by Brian Doyle at third and scored when the next batter, Mike Levin, slammed an RBI single to left. Tim Doyle got the next two hitters but the lead had been shaved to 2-1.

Doyle Battles People's For Five Innings

Doyle had a bit of a rocky start, but he settled down and battled the People's crew tough for five innings. The lefty allowed just five hits and walked only one. He hit two batters during the ballgame. Doyle is not afraid to throw inside and carve himself a little room on that inner slice. He moved hitters around all night long to give himself a chance.

People's made some fine defensive plays afield to keep Roy around for 6½ innings. But Agawam did reach him for another run in the fourth before getting rid of him in the seventh.

Mochak reached on an error in the fourth as his blistering one-hopper ate up the shortstop and went through his legs. Smith fanned, but Doyle's high-hopping boulder worked its way over the first baseman and Mochak was able to go down to second.

Tim Sheehan came through again as he pumped a high flyball double that burned the shallow-playing leftfielder. Mochak scored to make it 3-1. Doyle was gunned down at the plate on the play.

Wooley, perhaps the league's fastest man, hit a high chopper that Mike Kennedy had to leap for and then reach behind to catch, but the third baseman made a fabulous play and nipped Wooley at first to end the inning.

Agawam caught a big break in the bottom of the fifth when Kevin Foley's little blooper to shortstop fell at the feet of Brian Griffin because he lost it in the lights. But Foley had relaxed and Griffin got him by a whisker at first. That was big because Izzo singled to short and Kennedy later walked. Doyle then snuck in a foul out and a strikeout to get himself back to the dugout unscathed. Again.

Agawam had a couple guys on with nobody down in the sixth. But a sacrifice bunt by Doyle got Mochak thrown out at third on a close play and Sheehan and Wooley flied out to end it.

People's knocked Doyle out in the sixth when they got a run to pull within 3-2. Bill Sandillo walked leading off and Jim Hart singled to right. Wooley's throw to third was in plenty of time to

nail Sandillo. However, the veteran player executed a beautiful hook slide and tag couldn't be applied. Hart went down to second on the play and Boo Smith hopped out of the dugout looking for Viens. Doyle got the glad hand all the way around from his teammates who recognized what a sterling performance had had made.

Viens still had to extricate himself from a mess which saw the tying runs in scoring position with nobody out. He struck out Bill Lamirande who had put on a great at-bat. Gary Beard pinch-hit for Pete McAndrew and he bounced to second to drive in People's second run. Viens reached back and struckout Foley leaving Hart standing on third.

Auto School Takes Lead In Seventh

Viens had a tough part of the order to face and he put himself in trouble immediately by walking Izzo. With Levin at bat, Viens' errant pickoff toss went down the rightfield line and Izzo went to third. Viens sat down Levin with a blazing fastball for strike three.

Big Mike Kennedy went deep with a double to center making it a 5-3 affair. Viens then walked Brian Mundorf and Sandillo to load the bases for Hart with just one out. The tying run was at second.

Hart really showed something by taking some vicious hacks at the ball. But Viens showed Hart more by pumping three of them past him for a huge strikeout. Bill Guzman came up and drew a bases loaded walk to force in the run that made it 5-4.

Viens stood in as the boisterous Holyoke crowd got louder and louder. Tom Sheehan, the back up catcher and the third man in the number nine spot in the order during the game, got sawed off with a high inside fastball and he tried to inside-out the pitch.

Tom Sheehan hit a looping spinning flyball toward the second baseman, Tim Sheehan, who easily gloved it above his head. Tim Sheehan and his teammates celebrated. Tom Sheehan and his teammates began thinking about Game Two and how they would square the series.

White Sox Sweep Through Sacred Heart 10-12

The White Sox, from the Sacred Heart Athletic Association boys 10-12 division, had themselves a wonderful season this year.

Not only did they finish their regular season in first place with an impressive 14-0 record, but swept through the playoffs with a 3-0 record.

To top off a season of much fun and hard work, the White Sox players and coaches were treated to an evening at Waconah Park in Pittsfield by Stevens Travel of West Springfield and transportation by Sarat Ford.

The team enjoyed watching a game of baseball between the Pittsfield Mets and the Geneva Cubs, two major league farm teams.

Having arrived early enough before game time, the boys were able to enjoy collecting autographs from some of the players and took advantage of the speed gun to see how fast their pitching speed was.

When the order from the umpire to 'play ball' was heard, the White Sox settled in their seats to

watch how these professional minor league players played the game, hoping to pick up a few pointers for their next season.

The Cubs were first to score with two runs in the first inning. The Mets rallied in the third with four runs, but by then, the Cubs had a total of six.

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by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There were times during the Tri-County League Baseball playoffs that it felt like a World Series type atmosphere. Every game was close—no games were decided by more than two runs except for the 5-0 semi-final clincher and the 7-3 semi-final opener. In the finals, **Agawam** outscored **People's Bank** by a skinny 11-9 margin.

There wasn't much margin in the weather either. To be comfortable in Sunday afternoon's thrilling climatic Agawam victory, you had to have at least one sweatshirt and your rain gear. It was like regular World Series weather out there.

We haven't had a heat wave this summer as in past years. But, Agawam saw more than its share of hotly contested ballgames. Our beat included watching the developments in the Agawam Slo-Pitch softball wars on the road to four champions being crowned in the different men's divisions.

Of course, as this particular week's edition will testify, the Agawam Auto School's Tri-County championship run was a long and rocky road that culminated in a sweet, sweet victory for the Agawam contingent.

Now, the diamonds around this community will be silent for much of the rest of the summer. (*I understand that this weekend will bring the best and the brightest softball players from around the country to Borgatti Field. It is noted that one player that is expected to participate can hit a softball over 500 feet! It could be well worth your time to spend a couple of hours over there this weekend.*)

Our focus will soon shift to the sports played in the "cooler" weather and the high school teams will again take center stage in these pages every week.

In the meantime, it is time for me to kick back and reflect on the many sports stories that we have had the opportunity to cover in the past year. Vacation time is here again.

When I return, it will be time to start thinking about the Agawam High School football opener at Hoosac Valley along with all the soccer, field hockey, and things such as that.

Watch for the Agawam High School Fall Sports Preview in these pages on September 10th! It sure will be fun to watch the Brownies as they take to the fields in earnest the following week.

Happy Labor Day, everybody ... summer is almost gone.

Turkey Shoots Back At Ag. Sportsman's

Agawam Sportsman's Club, 358 Corey Street, Agawam has announced resumption of Turkey Shoots at the club.

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Larry Bird - Never To Be Replaced

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Certainly there were times when we thought it was never going to happen. He played with pain, deformity, and a host of other problems.

He was a symbol in Boston—a symbol for the lunch-pail-toting crowd to hold up as a hero. He put that six-foot, nine-inch frame in every conceivable position over the years. He came, he adapted, he conquered.

He was worshipped throughout the country, especially in a 200- or 300-mile radius of Boston. I had the opportunity to meet him and speak to him many times during my life, and he impressed me each and every time.

I chuckle when I think back to the first time that I met him. I was in an elevator on the ground floor of North Station, heading up to RED AUERBACH's office. I was an intern working for WRKO radio in Boston.

I waited for about two or three minutes for the elevator to come down. When it finally did, I pressed the button and somebody asked me to hold the door. I almost blurted out a parting shot as the doors came closed, but common sense got the best of me (for once) and I parted the doors like Moses and the Red Sea. Give a sucker an even break, eh?

When those doors were fully opened, I looked up and saw LARRY BIRD standing there. He had a grin on his face. You know that he knew how long I was probably waiting. After all, he'd ridden in that elevator many times.

Since then, I've done 50 interviews with him, swallowed a few beers with him, and marvelled at his every move on and off the court. It's not going to be difficult to get over this retirement thing for me.

He's 17 days older than me, and I was laid up for about two days last week after stripping and mopping a floor—I didn't even consider diving in to the corners like Larry always did.

There is a time for everything—Turn, Turn, Turn. His final hurrah came as a gold medal winner at the Olympics. Although I was a loud opponent of that particular squad, I'm glad Larry got to go out as a winner.

He always will be in my book—and he always was...

Only one more month until the Ryder Cup comes around again. That was really something last year and, this year with TOM WATSON at the helm, he should do all right with FRED COUPLES, RAY FLOYD, TOM KITE, et al, on the squad.

It is slated for September 24th-26th at the Belfry in Sutton, Coldfield, England. To be honest, that might have been the event that kept me "glued to my set" the most during all of last year—and I had never watched it before...

Did you see that note this week about Kansas City's 15-2 rout of the Orioles on Sunday? Seems that is the most runs EVER scored in a game against Baltimore.

That seems a little hard to believe, but then again, those Oriole pitching staffs have been excellent over the years...

I was really surprised to see DICK MCPHERSON (head coach Pats) popping off about poor fan support in a pre-season game against the Chargers. San Diego does not have a marquee guy that would serve as a drawing card.

New England is in quite a financial crunch, and I can't imagine shelling out 20 or 30 bucks for a pre-season game on a cold, rainy night. Plus, the Patriots have already sold an astounding 20,000 season tickets! This is from the AFC team that came in third to last in both offense and defense last year.

Sure, they won six games versus one win the previous year, and I know that they are trying to steady the ship, but I wouldn't make statements like Mac did that might be misread by the victory-starved region.

I'll say this—Foxboro has a terrible reputation for patron safety, fan violence, and idiotic behavior (not to mention awful parking lots and substandard facilities). It's no place to bring a family.

I admit that they are trying, and I hope they succeed, but nobody is really going to take them seriously until they start winning. That's the bottom line anywhere in professional sports...

GARY SHEFFIELD is having an unbelievable year. It seems like every time I watch ESPN's Sportscenter, he's belting another homer with two or three guys aboard. He is threatening the Triple Crown, and his team is still in the National League West hunt (if Atlanta ever cools off!).

Sheffield came up with the notoriety regarding a powerful batting stroke and the fact he was related to DOC GOODEN. He had potential and he is realizing it against National League pitching.

But, what in the world is going on in Philadelphia? DARREN DAULTON, a reserve catcher before this year, trails Sheffield by just one RBI (84-83). Sheffield hits in a lineup near TONY FERNANDEZ, TONY GWYNN, and FRED MCGRIF; Daulton is followed in the lineup by guys named JAVIER and BELL...

Of the 11 games listed in the box scores in Sunday's paper, only one of them drew less than the 31,008 that the Red Sox and Brewers played for in Milwaukee. The Mets and Phillies stumbled around in front of just 15,901 at Shea Stadium last Saturday.

Games in Royals Stadium (KC is 18 games out of 1st) and Comiskey Park (White Sox are 11 games back of Oakland) drew over 40,000. Hmmm...

Buffalo is a 5½-point favorite over Detroit in their pre-season clash at Rich Stadium. The Bills lead by six with four minutes to go, and the Lions have the ball.

How exciting! Nope, I watched RONALD REAGAN in a domed stadium. Hey, they both have turf...

NICK PRICE was the Pride of St. Louis last week when he picked off the first prize at the PGA Championship. Holding off NICK FALDO is no small task...

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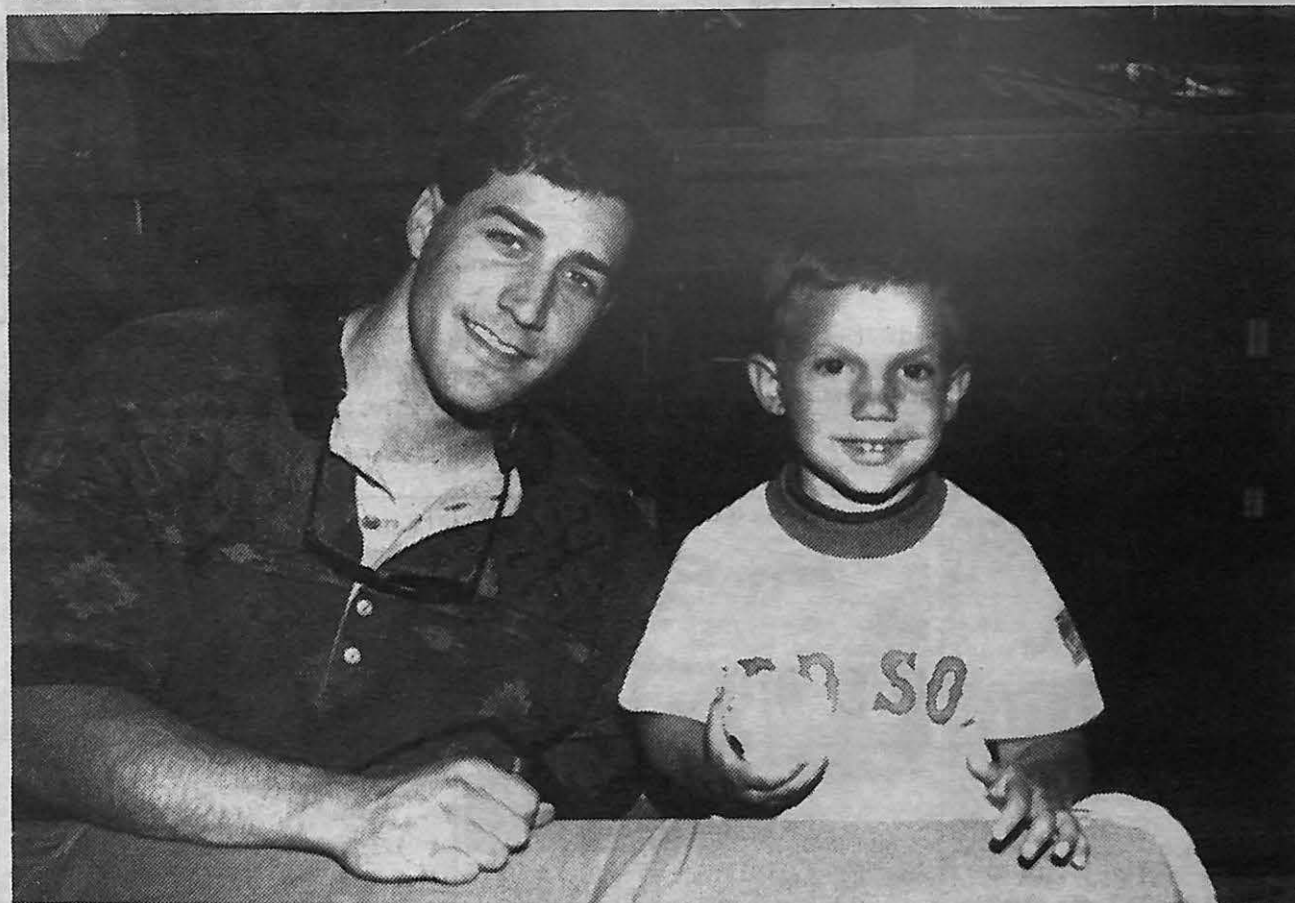
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Boston Red Sox At Riverside Park



BOSTON RED SOX PLAYER TIM NAEHRING signs autographs for Megan and Wayne Stebbins during a July 30th visit to Riverside Park. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BOSTON RED SOX OUTFIELDER Phil Plantier signs a baseball for four year-old Jimmy Holben at Riverside Park Speedway. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

5th & 6th Grade Suburban Softball Final Standings

Agawam A.A.	11	1
East Longmeadow	8	4
Sacred Heart (F.H.)	6	6
West Springfield	5	7
Longmeadow	5	7
Holyoke	1	11

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Holyoke, 11
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East Longmeadow, 13
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Agawam A.A., 6
Longmeadow, 5 (8 inn.)

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Agawam A.A., 9
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Fall Softball League Forming For Women

The second annual women's fall league sports meeting will be held on Sunday, August 30th, at T.J.'s Sporthouse (across from Riverside Park) starting at 3:00 p.m.

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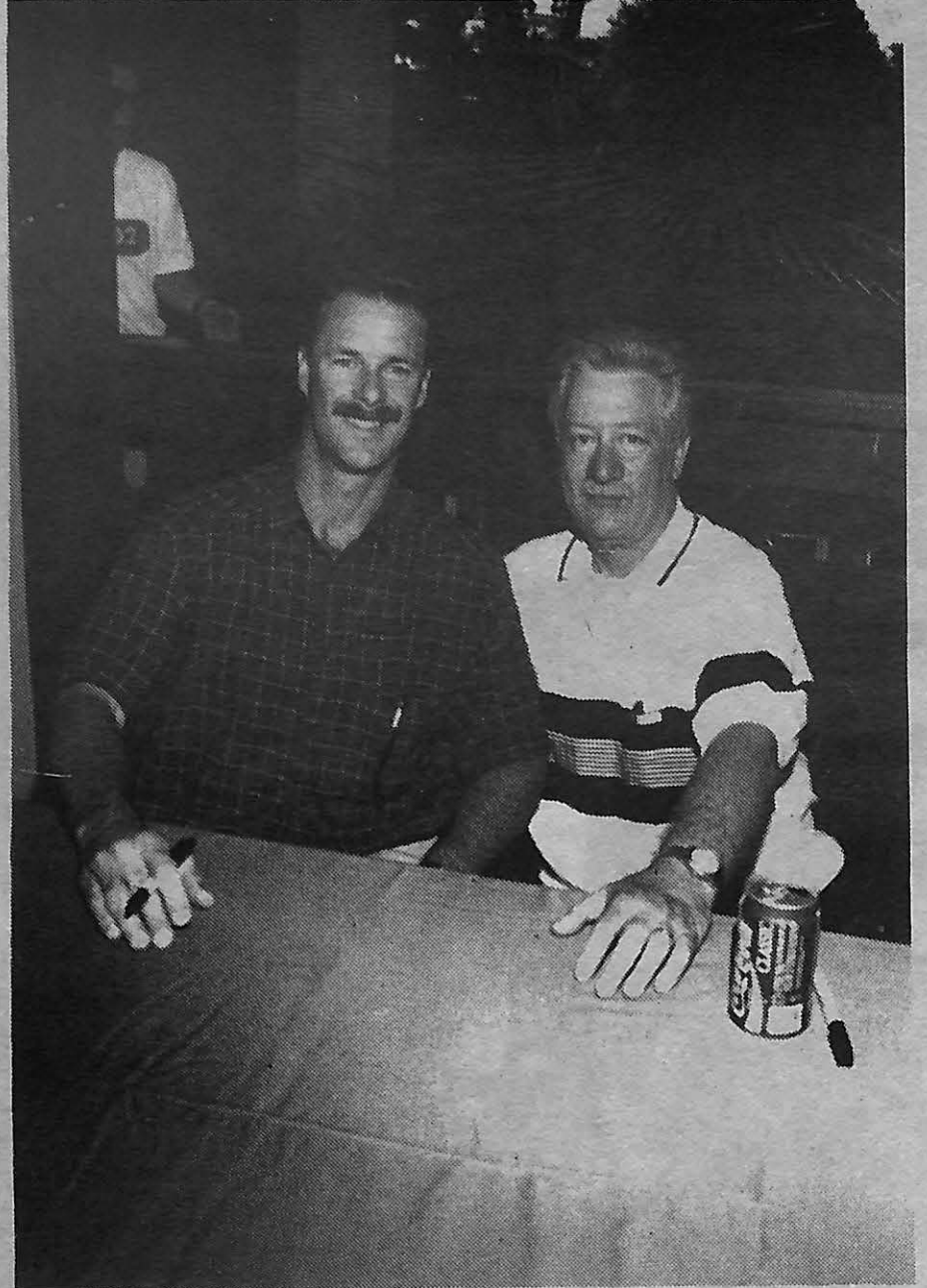
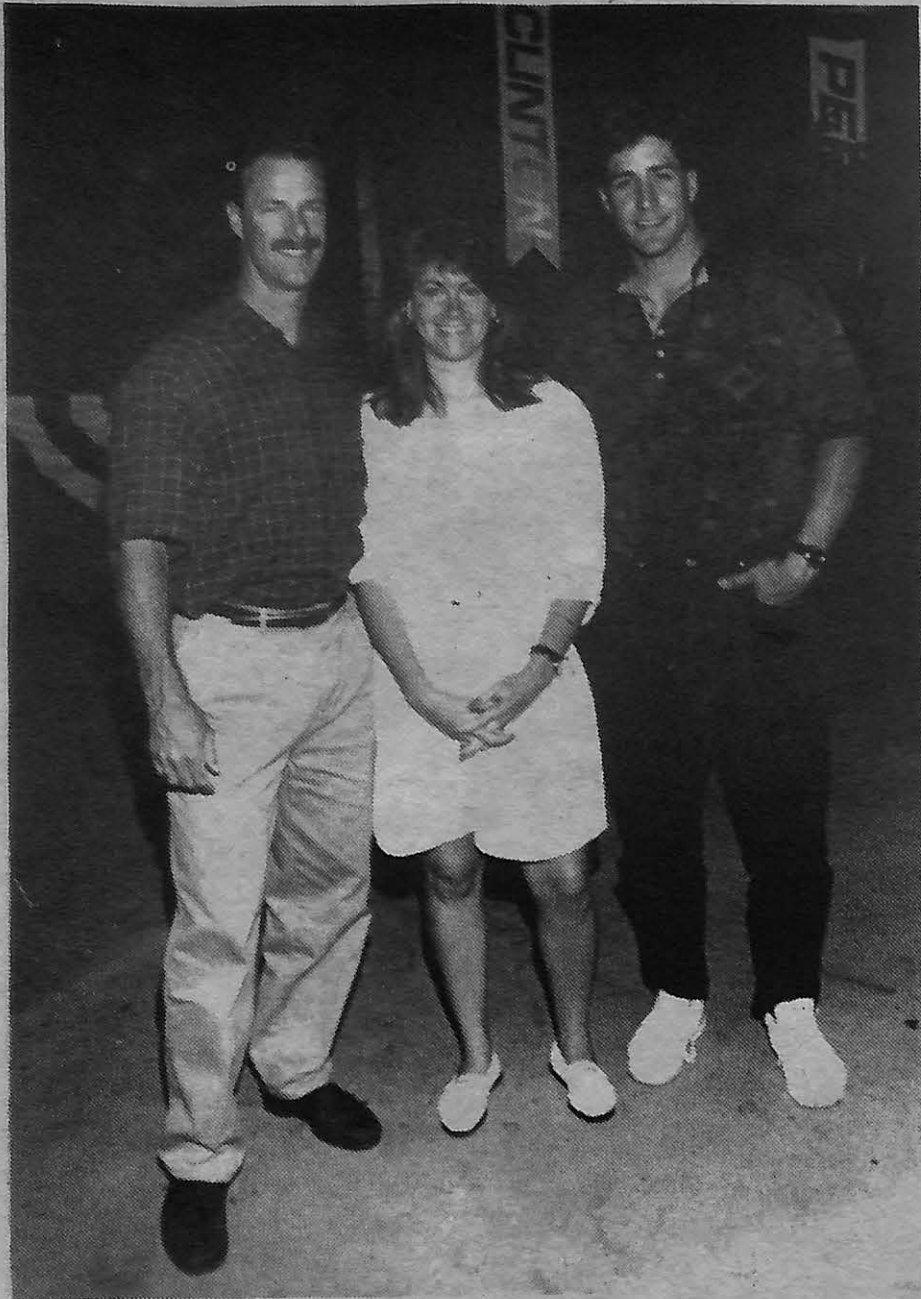
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BOSTON RED SOX COACH Rick Burleson (left) and Phil Plantier chat with Mary Ann Stebbins, marketing director for Riverside Amusement Park. Some of the Sox coaches and team members visited the park on July 30th for an autograph session. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Rick Burleson, now a coach and former shortstop for the Sox, signs an autograph for Feeding Hills resident Bill Kushin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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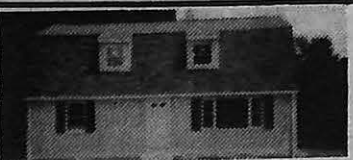
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Agawam AA Suburban Softball Team Repeats As League Champions

Agawam Athletic Association's fifth and sixth grade suburban softball team have become repeat champions.

Coached again this year by Bob Hersey, the team had an outstanding season, finishing at 11-1. They then went into playoffs, where they beat Longmeadow and East Longmeadow to win playoffs.

In an important game this year, this ballclub was behind by four runs late in the game. The first two batters were put out, then they came up with five runs to pull the game out.

"This shows the character of this ballclub," Hersey said. "Never let up, total team effort."

Coach Hersey would like to thank his two coaches, Joe DeMarco and Tony Maloni, for their time and efforts, as well as the players, who worked together for this great season.

Members of the team were: Kristen Patterson, Amber Conte, Ali Scherban, Heidi Semanie, Jill DeMarco, Elisa Shea, Barbara Maloni, Heather Arcangeletti, Kelly Robinson, Shauna Hadden, Lindsey Hadden, and Tina Ritchie.

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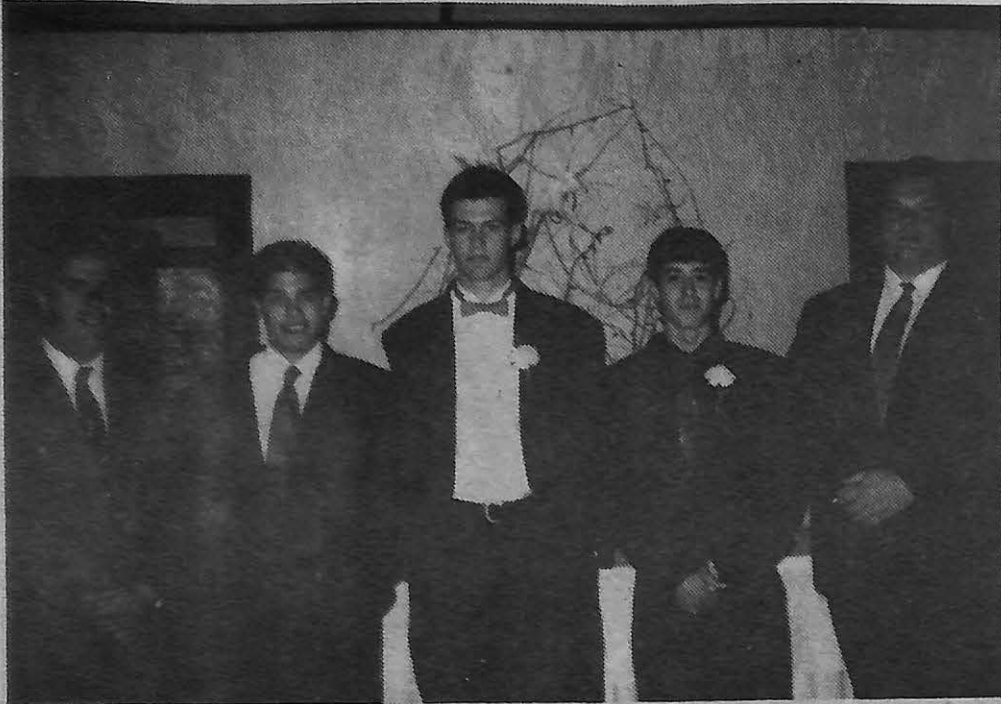
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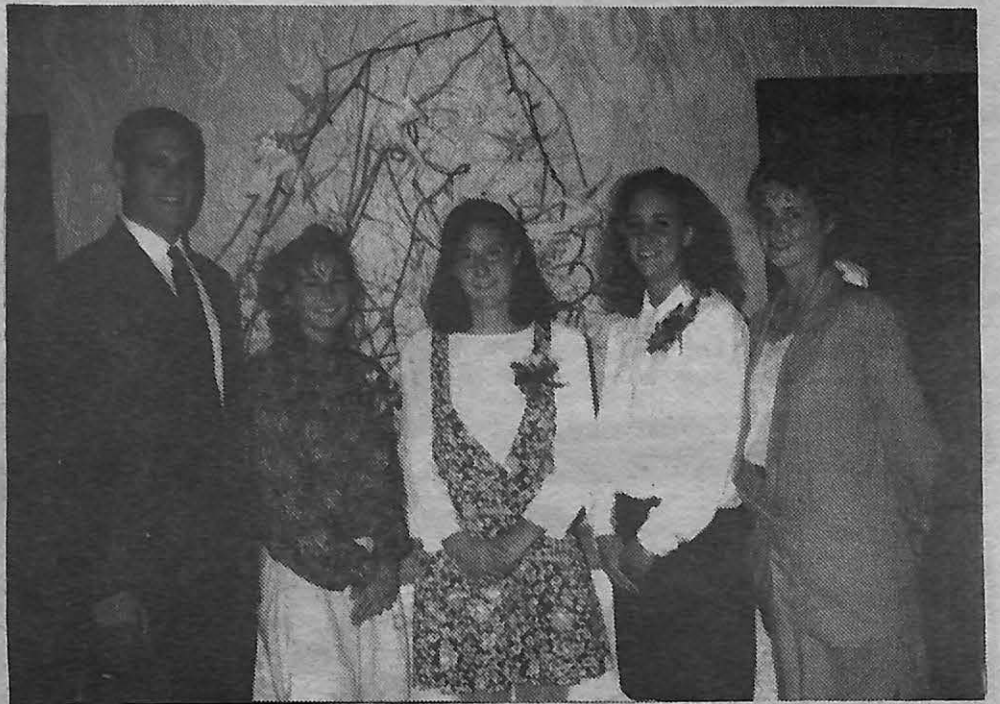
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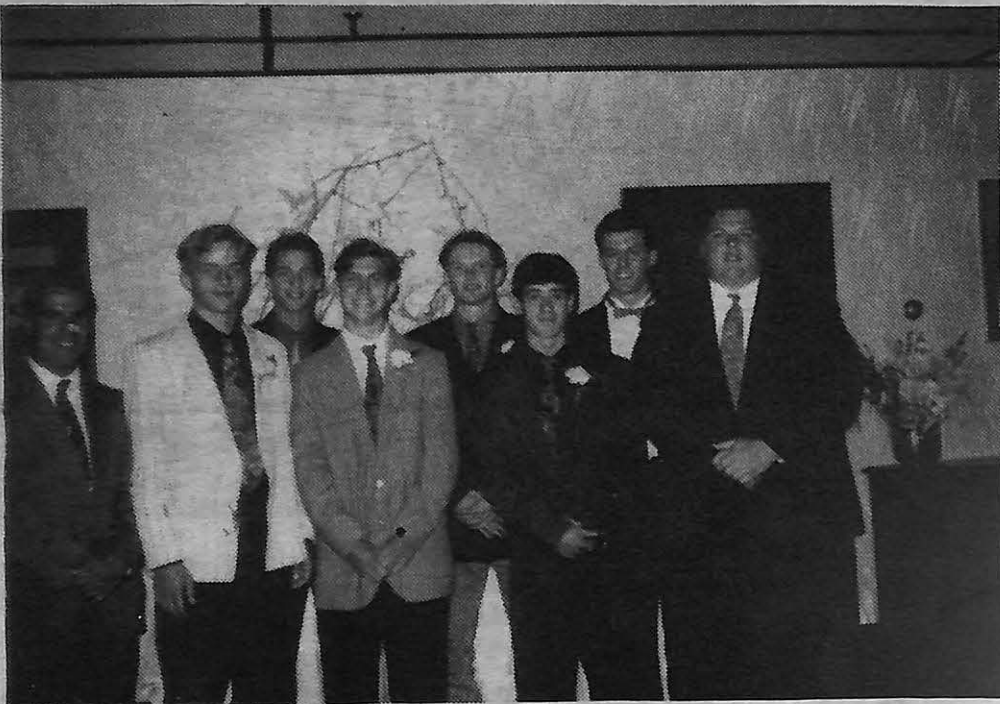
Agawam High School Boys' & Girls Track Banquet



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High Boys' track team were honored at the recent banquet held at Shaker Farms Country Club. In **BOT-TOM** photo (back row) are Class of 1992 members Mike Bryant, Kris Tuerlinckx, and Jim Camidge. Front row - Coach Mike LaZazzera, Tom Wlaschiha, Darren Cormier, Mike Leary, and Assistant Coach Eric Lunden. **TOP PHOTO**, from left - Coach Mike LaZazzera, captains Luis Savina, Jim Camidge, and Mike Leary; Assistant Coach Eric Lunden.



CAPTAINS AND CLASS OF 1992 members of the Agawam High girls' varsity track team were honored at a banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. In **TOP PHOTO**, from left - Coach Jeff Reece, Kerri Caritj, Sheila Martin, Erica Vanderhoof, and Assistant Coach Cynthia Wright. In **PHOTO BELOW**, Coach Jeff Reece with senior class members Kerri Caritj, Sheila Martin, Amy Marcotte, Erica Vanderhoof, and Assistant Coach Cynthia Wright.



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NO ONE COVERS the Agawam School Department like our Iris Copson. Iris is back from her summer vacation beginning next week in our Big BACK TO SCHOOL edition. Please remember to give Iris plenty of notice for her to cover a school-related story. Thanks.

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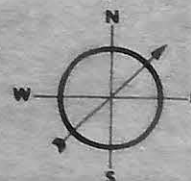
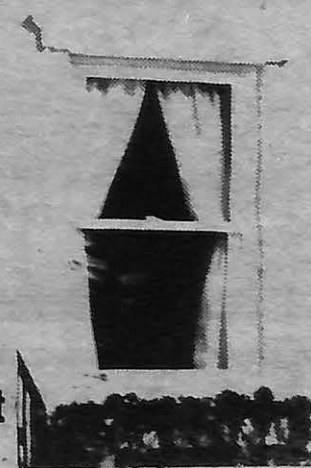
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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Early Bird Regulations

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed hunting regulations for "early" (opening before October 1st) migratory bird seasons, with several changes from 1991 regulations, including reinstating September teal seasons after a four-year suspension.

Revised criteria have also been proposed for special Canada goose seasons to control local breeding populations of geese. Early Canada goose seasons are proposed in Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Final regulatory frameworks for early migratory bird seasons are scheduled for publication in the Federal Register sometime this month. Hunters should check state hunting regulations for specific local information on permits, bag limits, and open areas.

The DEP of Connecticut is strongly recommending that sportsmen process their 1992 deer and turkey tags through the mail this fall. Under the new license process adopted this year, town clerks will take no money for the licenses and permits. You must mail in the license fee and tag fees to Hartford, who in turn will issue and document your purchase of a hunting license. Mail in checks, no cash.

Tom Dudchik, Deputy Commissioner of the DEP, said, "Mailing in the material four weeks in advance ensures that the tags will be received by opening day."

The DEP estimates that from September through November, an average of more than 600 people a day came to pick up their tags in person last year. This presents a problem, since the License and Revenue Unit is equipped to service large numbers of mail-in requests only.

Last year, those who walked in to pick up their tags waited in line as long as three hours.

It has happened! After four or five years of fishing in the same boat with Angie Borgatti, he had to sit and watch me catch white perch using a pole in each hand.

As fast as I could drop a line in the water with one hand, I was pulling out a fish with the other. I have sat many times and watched the expert fill up his bucket with fish (two at a time) while I, at the other end of the boat, could have read a whole page in a book before getting a bite.

Angie watched and finally said, "It just dawned on me that I am watching myself catch fish while other fellows in the boat jokingly threatened to throw me overboard. Now I know how they felt."

What caused the drama is that the school of white perch stayed around my end of the boat and waited for my offerings. The school moved eventually, and we had to move also to find them.

It felt good to finally reach the level of Angie's prowess without doing anything different in my fishing technique. The student has finally caught up with the teacher.

"I don't believe it," Angie remarked laughingly, "that I would have one of these days." "I was wondering when the pedestal would break," I chided him.

"I have been watching you for a long time. I would be pretty thick if I didn't learn by observation," I chortled with satisfaction. "It took you long enough," he replied as he flipped out his bait.

When a New Hampshire fisherman returned to his car, he got a surprise. A seven-foot, black-colored snake was in front of his car with a horned pout sticking out of its mouth.

The scared snake dove into the water, leaving its wriggling victim behind. The angler returned the horned pout to the water.

PLEASE remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Our office opens at 6:30 a.m. on weekdays. Call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Thanks.

Exposition Area Alumni Golf Tournament To Be Held August 23rd At Shaker Farms

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund will hold its 1992 annual golf tournament on Sunday, August 23rd at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The tournament, which is open to the public, will feature a scramble format and special prizes for members of the top men's and women's team.

The tournament fee of \$75 per person includes green fees, a golf cart, lunch on the course, prizes for all golfers and a multi-course dinner at Shaker Farms following the tournament.

A wide variety of prizes have been donated by area businesses and individual supporters of the scholarship fund for this year's tournament.

Information on registration and starting times

is available by calling Rocky at 739-5697. Players are encouraged to register early to obtain preferred starting times.

Parties interested in sponsoring a tee or donating prizes for the tournament can also contact Rocky.

Dinner-only tickets also are available for \$20.

The golf tournament is one of several annual events sponsored by the scholarship fund committee, which has awarded more than \$225,000 in scholarships to college and college-bound students in the area.

Scholarships totaling \$16,000 have been awarded for the 1992-93 academic year. All contributions to the scholarship fund are tax-deductible.

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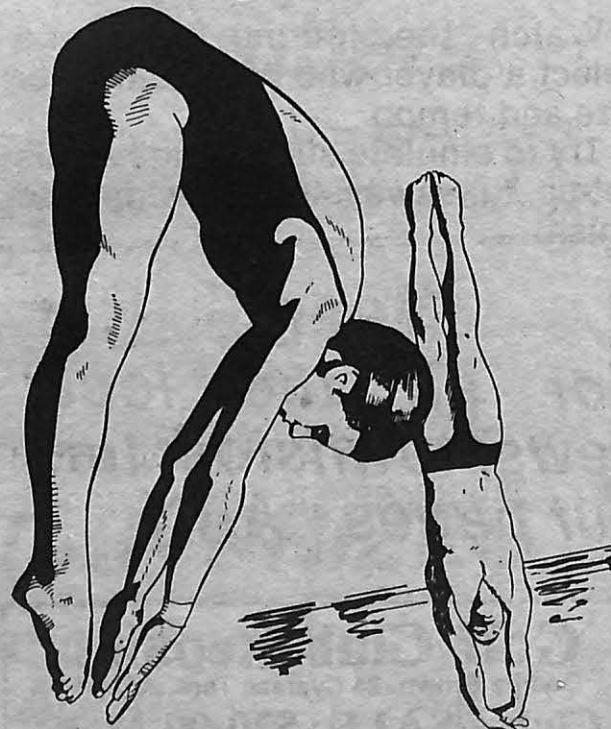
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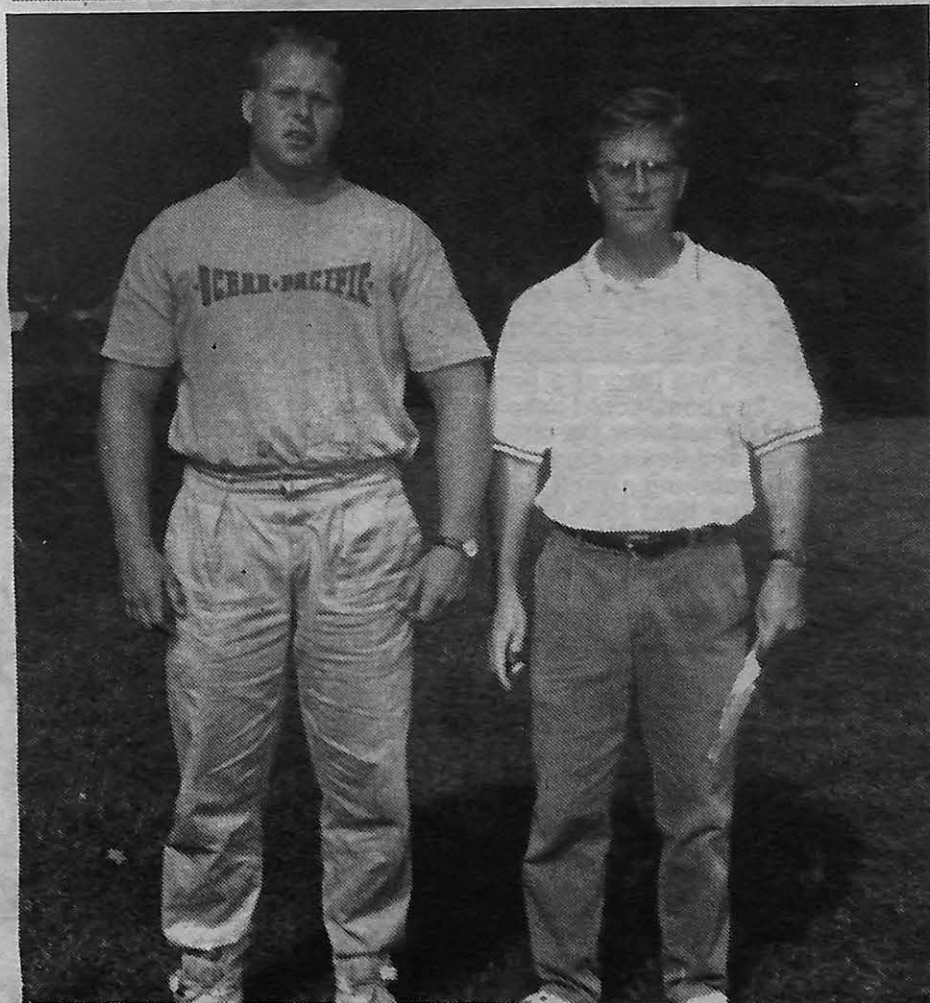
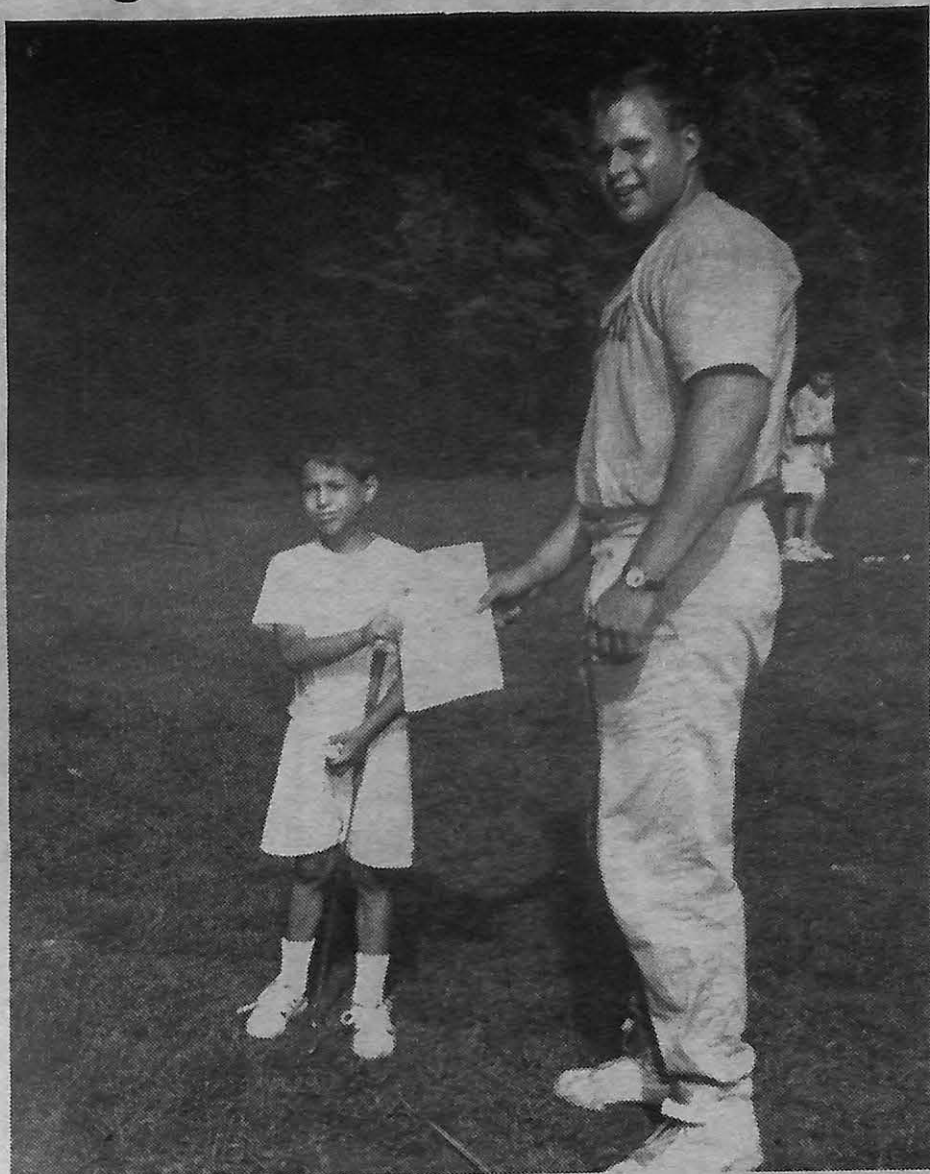
For Swim Team Info, Call Steve Fox, 789-2425

For Basketball Info, Call Bob Hersey, 786-2979

Oak Ridge Golfers At Longhi's Golf Range



OAK RIDGE GOLF CLUB SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR Shelly Lockard helps Nathan Adamski of Feeding Hills during a tournament held at the new Longhi's Golf Range in Southwick. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.



Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills

Steal A Swing

Watch the touring pros and select a player who best suits your size and tempo.

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IN TOP PHOTO (right), Ryan Sullivan of Agawam receives some tips from Jim Longhi, manager of the new Longhi's Golf Range in Southwick. IN PHOTO BELOW, pictured with Jim Longhi is Ed Lockard, assistant pro at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

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Local Runners Sought For Annual Road Race

Suffield: Suffield Parks and Recreation Department and First Federal Bank are cosponsoring the 13th Annual 10K Road Race and 2.3 mile Fun Run. This event will be held on Saturday, September 12th, (rain or shine) at the Suffield High School. The 10K Road Race will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the 2.3 mile Fun Run will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to men and women in their respective age division. A \$100 gift certificate to "The Run In" of Rocky Hill will be awarded to the first male and female finishers.

Applications will be available at the Suffield Parks and Recreation Department, 97 Mountain Road, or register the day of the race between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. at the Suffield High School. Long sleeve t-shirts will be given to the first 100 registered.

Registration fee is \$11 in advance and \$13 on the day of the race.

Miniature Golfers Sought At Westfield Y

Westfield: Join the "pro" tour of miniature golfers and win prizes.

The Westfield YMCA will hold its Third Annual Mini Master Golf Tournament on Monday, August 31st at 5:30 p.m.

The tournament will be held at Golf Acres on

Union Street in Westfield. Adult foursomes will compete for trophies and prizes.

All proceeds will go to the Partners with Youth fund at the Y.

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE on August 27th. Deadline is Monday, August 24th. This issue will include School Bus Schedules and all the Back To School information for the 1992 opening of school.

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MacWilliams Family Hosting French Teen

Cyrille Demousseau from France is visiting the United States. The organization World Exchange arranges summer visits for foreign students who stay in the United States or Canada for about one month.

Cyrille is staying with the Dave MacWilliams family in Feeding Hills. He lives with his parents and sister in Neuilly-Plaisance, France, a suburb of Paris.

While visiting the United States, Cyrille has been to some local sites such as Plymouth, New York City, and Riverside. He has also learned how to waterski and kneeboard at Greenwater Pond in Becket.

Oxbow Water Skiing Labor Day Weekend

The Oxbow Water Ski Show Team of Northampton will be performing its final show of the season on Labor Day, September 7th, starting at 1:00 p.m., and the proceeds will benefit "Jerry's Kids" and the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Bring the children to play games and win prizes. Full concessions will be available.

Parking is \$2 per car and show admission is by donation.

Directions - Take Route 91 to Exit 18 and take a right onto Route 5. Turn right onto East Street and follow the yellow arrows to the Oxbow Water Ski Club site.

For further information, please call Judy, in the evening, at 786-7715 or Debbie at 538-9568.



DAN MACWILLIAMS OF FEEDING HILLS is hosting Cyrille Demousseau from France this summer.

'Feet In Motion' Dance Program Offered By Town Residents At Westfield YMCA

Westfield: A dance program, "Feet in Motion," consisting of ballet, tap, acrobatics and jazz will be offered to boys and girls ages five and up at the Westfield YMCA, 67 Court Street.

Registration will begin at their open house in the Youth Center on Saturday, August 22nd from

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All classes, including private lessons, will be instructed by Trish Verne.

For further information, please call the Westfield YMCA at 568-8631.

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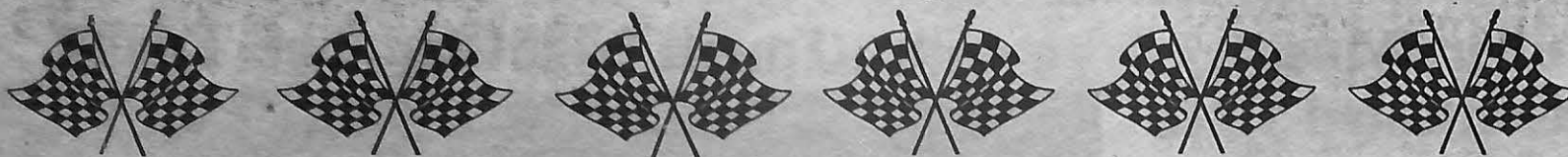
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Rainy Weather Again Mars Racing At Riverside On Aug. 15

It was not one of the best nights at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, August 15th. Night number three in the \$10,000 August Modified Series was a disaster right from its rainy start.

Because of the inclement weather (it had been raining since the early morning), another record was broken at Riverside ... a crowd of less than 2,000 was on hand to witness a rain-delayed yet exciting Modified feature that was marred by cautions. You would have thought it was a full moon!

Dan Avery again set the fast time, but it was Jerry Marquis who set on the pole. Right from the start Marquis was the leader, but he was pressured heavily by Rick Fuller, Tom Bolles, Bobby Gee, and Reggie Ruggiero.

On lap 33, Marquis cut a tire while leading the pack. Fuller, who had been all over Marquis before the flat, then took the lead and pulled away from the field. Then, on lap 38, Bobby Gee moved in as the two locked horns; this sent off a chain reaction that caused another caution.

Bobby Gee became the new leader, as Rick Summers, Dan Avery, Larry Moore, and George Rudinas were in hot contention to get into the top five. Fuller came from the back again, and so did Ruggiero.

At the checker, it was **Bobby Gee** for his second win. This would move the International Auto Body team into the \$10,000 point lead. Second went to George Rudinas (General Tire), third was Rick Summers (Havoline Oil), Dan Avery (Porter Chester) came in fourth, and fifth was Rick Fuller (Polar Soda).

Sixth through 10th was Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool), Jerry Marquis (Pike Package), Dave Gallo (Gallo Auto), Ed Kennedy (Roberts Auto), and Reggie Ruggiero (Haymond Law).

"I really didn't think we would win; I really feel great about my shot at the \$10,000," said Bobby Gee. It was a popular victory.

Tom Fearn came back after the hardship of the two previous weeks to win the Pro Stock thirty. Blaine Belz, the early leader, was pressured by Mike Duquette, who finished third. Fourth was Tom Carey and fifth was John Lobo, Jr.

Sixth through 10th was Ed Carroll, Kevin

Tom Bolles Racing To Victory At Riverside



TOM BOLLES blows around the speedway en route to a recent victory in the Modifieds at Riverside Park Speedway.

Czarnecki, Brian Carusso, Jerry Marquis, and Tony Papale.

Chris Wenzal lead from the start in the Late Models, as Todd Anderson took the lead until he had a flat. Then Gary Pelletier, Barry Grey, and Jay Stewart were in a pack coming to the front.

It wasn't more than five laps later that Stewart took over the lead and was pressured next by Rich Vasseur, lap after lap.

At the checker it was **Jay Stewart** over Gary Pelletier, Barry Grey, Rich Vasseur, and Larry Pincence. Sixth through 10th was John Johnson, Gary Fiormonti, Doug D'alessandro, Fred

LaForge, and Martin Leary.

Doug Meserve won the accident-marred Pro 4 Modified feature, as Joe Lemay was second over Geore Savery, Mike Petrizzo, and Bill Shultz. Sixth through 10th was J.R. Gorm, Dave Lessard, Mike Casey, George Sherman, and Bill Gaston.

Joe Czarnecki won the Strictly Stock feature over Pete Bennett, Jeff Horn, Rob Valerio, Sal Calvo, Al Leone, Herb Carlon, Rick Durkee, and Jeff Connors.

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Racing At Riverside - continued...

Rick Fuller Wins Hotly Contested Race At Riverside

A standing-room-only crowd came out on Saturday, August 8th, for the second event in the \$10,000 August Modified Series at Riverside Park Speedway. The Swis Auto/Oliver's Auto Body program was action-packed to the checker.

It was Dan Avery who set the fast time, but Reggie Ruggiero had the luck of the draw to start on the pole. For 33 laps, Ruggiero was gone at the front of the field. The battle during those laps was between Bobby Gee, Larry Moore, Rick Fuller, and Jerry Marquis; this pack dived for position, lap after lap.

Then, after a spin, the whole complexion of the event changed. It was Rick Fuller who moved high and low to move in on the Reg. For the next four laps it was the dynamic duo of Ruggiero and Fuller; then it was **Rick Fuller** who inched out into the lead.

By lap 44, it was a shot out to the checker. The outside lane was quicker, as Fuller started to pull away for the win, but Ruggiero never gave up and came away with a second-place finish.

Third went to Bobby Gee, who ran strong throughout the event; fourth was Jerry Marquis, and fifth went to Larry Moore. Sixth through 10th was Ed Kennedy, John Zavisa, Tom Bolles, Stan Greger, and Dan Avery.

"I didn't mean to make contact with Reggie while taking the lead. It was just flat-out racing. Polar Beverage/Diet Rite and Mario had it all dialed in tonight," said Fuller. When asked about the \$10,000, he replied, "Just wait and see."

Tony Papale, the defending Pro Stock Champion, was HOT in the Pro Stocks as he came from the middle of the pack to take the lead. Papale is now getting closer to taking the number-one spot from Tom Fearn; this could be back-to-back championships.

The battle for second was just as impressive, as the lead (also from the middle of the pack) was Eddy Carroll, who finished second. Third went to Dave Carusso, followed by a great run for fourth by Dave Berube. Early leader Fran Forino came in fifth.

Sixth through 10th was Scott Bouley, Ted Hebert, John Lobo, Kevin Czarnecki, and Mark



ED CARROLL, owner of Riverside Park and Riverside Park Speedway, experiences a tough night on the track in recent speedway action.

Forino.

It was **Chris Benson Woods** who fought right to the wire to win in the Late Model feature. Barry Grey used the bottom to his advantage to take second over hard-charging Rocky Mazioto. Fourth was Fred LaForge and fifth was early leader Paul Dipisa.

Sixth through 10th was Gary Fiormonti, John Johnson, Jay Stewart, Todd Anderson, and Martin Leary.

The New England Antique Racers were also on

hand with a display of the great cars and stars of yesteryear. Another first was **Todd Owens**, who won his first Strictly Stock feature.

In his rookie season, the 16 year-old driver beat out Jeff Conners, Bruce Battles, Rick Durkee, Bob McMullin; sixth through 10th was Joe Arena, Joe Czarnecki, Mike Salmond, and Mitch Drewnowski.

Round three in the \$10,000 August Series was scheduled for Saturday, August 15th (see other Riverside story this edition), featuring five divisions of racing.

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*Racing At Riverside - continued...***Late Model Racing Team Guest Of Stan's**

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Special guest will be Bill Hess from WHYN.

The event is open to all children ages seven to 15 and consists of swimming, cycling and running. Male and female divisions are separate.

All participants receive a race packet filled with valuable coupons, T-shirt, award and refreshments on race day.

Pre-race day participation is required and includes informative sessions on Nutrition, Proper Clothing and Equipment, Future Training and Conditioning, Health and Safety.

There will also be a Bike and Running Course Review as well as a swim proficiency test. No child will be ineligible, but a time penalty will be imposed if he/she is unable to complete the required swim.

The age categories and distances are as follows:

Ages 7-8-9: Swim, 50 yards; Bike, 3 miles; Run, .5 mile

Ages 10-11-12: Swim, 75 yards; Bike, 3 miles; Run, .5 mile

Ages 13-14-15: Swim, 200 yards; Bike, 6 miles; Run, 1 mile

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"Beat The Heat" Trip At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a "beat the heat" field trip for adults to the cool shaded forests and stream of West Mountain Sanctuary.

West Mountain is located on the Berkshire plateau in Plainfield. The program is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tom Tynning, master naturalist with Massachusetts Audubon Society, will lead the search for rare spring salamanders found in cold mountain brooks, bear, turkeys and coyotes that live in forest habitats. An old abandoned graveyard will give insight to prior human inhabitants.

Be prepared for some strenuous hiking and the possibility of getting your feet wet. Fees are \$12 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$15 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required before August 26th. Directions will be sent after registration.

For more information on this program or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

Family Sundays On At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is continuing its series of **Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary** each Sunday in August at 2:00 p.m.

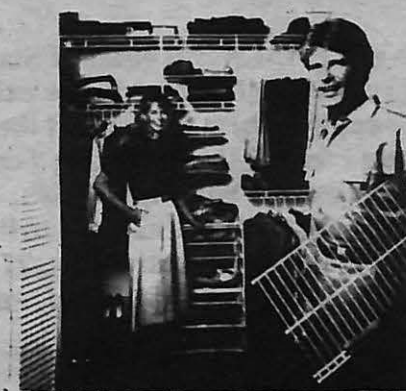
These hour-long family programs provide an introduction to an area of natural history and are included in the price of sanctuary admission. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 16, and free for children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members.

August 23rd: Living by Tooth and Talon. What kind of equipment do wildlife need in order to survive? Investigate the adaptations used by predators through playing predator-prey games and visiting our great horned owl and coyote.

August 30th: T.W. Burgess Storyhour. Hear the tales of famed children's author T.W. Burgess in the cozy atmosphere of the Storyteller's House.

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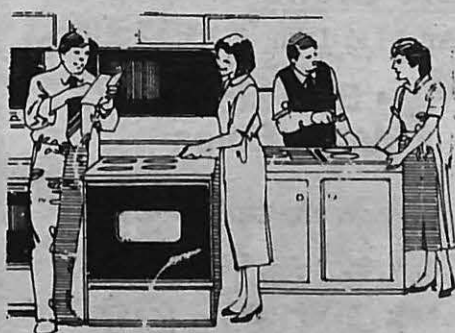
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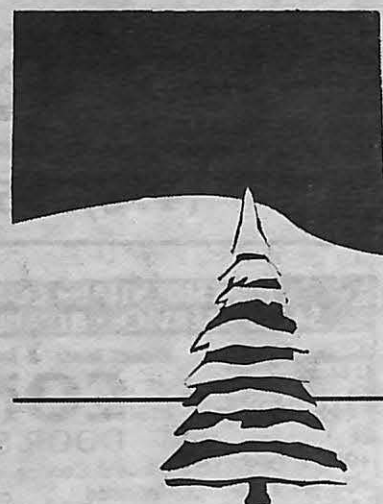
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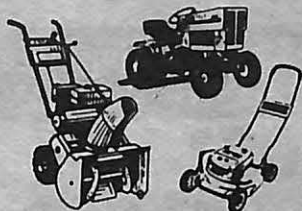
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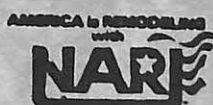
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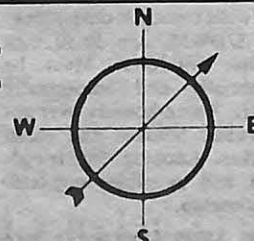
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Code 36053 Single white female, 29, 5'11", slender. I'm a warm, fun-loving woman seeking a tall, honest, single white male, 29-35 who is looking for a friend to share and develop a loving relationship! I enjoy the outdoors, movies, dancing, playing cards, and traveling. If you're a non-smoker with similar interests, a gentleman with a with a sense of humor, please reply.

Code 36075 Divorced white female, 33, without children, nice, bright, attractive, professional, 5'7", 125 lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes. I'm forthright, romantic and giving. Social drinker, very considerate smoker. I enjoy dancing, dining out, cooking, long walks and day trips. Open to trying new things - the person is more important than the activity. Seeking someone who is tall (5'10"-plus), attractive, emotionally secure and affectionate.

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Code 35552 Make your fantasies reality. Sunday, Monday night football and playful halftime goals. SWF, young 31, very attractive, athletic, 5'10", medium build, blond/hazel, voluptuous, degree professional. Non-smoker, social drinker, emotionally and financially secure, in search of D/SWM with similar qualities over 6', 21-45, domestically independent. Phone number, picture if possible (will return).

Code 35419 Beautiful green-eyed blonde, physically fit. Looking for an easygoing, fun-loving, intelligent, professional for companionship and friendship, possibly more. Must be emotionally and financially secure. Please write or call.

Code 35750 SWF, 32, blonde hair, hazel eyes, tall, slim. I'm outgoing and sociable. Great sense of humor. Very affectionate and loyal. Seeking a short, fat, ugly man for long-term commitment. To make this relationship work you must be a heavy smoker and drinker; enjoy carousing with friends until the wee hours of the morning; be unemployed, uneducated and no place to live. Those in need of psychiatric counseling a plus. Please write.

Code 35616 SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, physically fit, slightly overweight, Catholic, old-fashioned, romantic, and independent. Interests include jogging, aerobics, weight training, bowling, music, movies, sports, the arts, moonlight, candlelight, and romance. Looking for SWM, 28-32, 5'7" and up with similar qualities and interests. Write or call.

Code 35437 In search of the Holy Grail and Garp! This attractive, petite, 5'2", DWF, smoker, with no children has a tendency towards the unconventional. If you are a S/DWM, age 30-plus, 5'9"-plus, and enjoy good conversation, music, "B" movies, and possesses an off-the-wall sense of humor, please respond with photo and phone number. No druggies.

Code 35503 Adventurous, active, attractive, 32, DWF, professional, likes outdoors and family activities, the arts, fishing, swimming - looking to meet S/DWM, 30-40 who is financially secure, professional, non-smoker, enjoys children and shares similar interest for warm, honest, rewarding, comfortable relationship.

Code 35768 I am an attractive, physically fit, professional, SWF, 5'4", 125 lbs., brunette hair, very light smoker. I enjoy the outdoors, swimming, tennis and love to travel, dine out and make gourmet meals at home. I am looking for a fun-loving, energetic, physically fit, caring man.

Code 34040 Divorced white female, mid 50's seeks widowed/divorced white male, 56-66. Prefer non-smoker (flexible). Enjoy dancing, walking, holding hands. Let's meet for coffee, who knows what could happen.

Code 34018 DWF, 32, 5'5", 120 lbs., sandy brown hair, blue eyes. Love kids, music and dancing. Can have a good time any place, anywhere, anytime. Smoker, partier. I am looking for a man to take care of me. I love older men. Not afraid to give love or receive it. Call today. I'll be waiting.

Code 35590 SWF, 32, 5'6", 120 lbs., medium-long brunette hair, hazel eyes, and wear glasses, works nights. I'm quiet. I love animals: wild & tamed. I like music: favors hard rock. I like: movies, comedies, concerts, long walks and Cape Cod. I like to watch sports: baseball, football, auto racing, mud bogs & monster truck challenges. Looking first for friendship with SWM, then maybe lead to relationship. Please write.

Code 34122 Humanistically-oriented, accomplished, educated, clinician/college professor, 39, divorced Jewish female, childless. Seeking a thoughtful, sensitive, intelligent, introspective, unassuming man who appreciates the arts, music, antiques, hiking, skiing. Letters please.

Code 35418 DWF, attractive, sincere, honest and physically fit. Enjoy dining out, movies, theater, sporting events. Seeks a man 30-45 for a special long-term relationship. Please write or call.

Code 35763 SWF, attractive, 29 years old, brown hair. I am easygoing with a good sense of humor. I enjoy traveling, skiing, and I really enjoy the outdoors. I am looking for an attractive, honest, commitment-minded man in his 30's.

Code 34066 I'm 35, white female with long black hair, 110 lbs. Enjoy doing different things. Don't have to spend a lot of money to enjoy being with someone. I'm a Christian and like gospel and some country music. Enclose a picture of yourself. You can also write me.

Code 34040 Divorced white female seeks honest, up front, widowed/divorced white male, 57-65, non-smoker preferred, is happy with himself. Enjoy holding hands, dancing, dining in or out. Let's get together, who knows what could happen. Call or write. All replies answered.

Code 34039 Single white female, 29, dirty blonde hair, no children, smoker. Like movies, visiting friends, bars, playing pool, the ocean. Slightly overweight (working on it). Considered cute. Looking for single white male, 28-36, 5'9" and above, good size build, without children. Similar interests, fun-loving, financially stable. Brunettes preferred.

Code 35930 SWF, 31, without children. I enjoy weekend getaways, trips to flea markets, movies, music, playing pool, and bars. I'm overweight, but working on it. Also, I look younger than my age. I prefer men with shoulder-length hair, good sense of humor, and mature minded. Seeking someone between 25-35, 5'6" or taller. Write or call. See ya.

MALE ADS

Code 34038 Divorced white male, 33, loving, loyal, honest, imperfect, smoker. You, single/divorced female, 28-40, same qualities. Like movies, animals, staying in, anything funny, and you? Write a letter and tell me about yourself.

Code 36041 Life is no fun unless you have someone to share it with. If you're looking for someone too, let's get together. I'm 35, divorced white male. I like country music, oldies, movies, theater, sports, golf. If you're a single/divorced white female, 28-35 with similar interests, call. Oh yes, I also like kids.

Code 36070 Honest, country, but can order a good bottle of wine and enjoy it. Like the outdoors, archery, hiking, camping, fishing, travel, dancing, quiet times, conversation, caring people, and caring about them. Look for a lady with same interests and qualities. Divorced white male, 5'9 1/2", 155 lbs., green eyes, brown hair. Looking for long-term relationship with a single/divorced white female, between 38-50.

Code 36046 I have a friendly personality. My hobbies are dancing, sports, bicycling, going on walks, to the beach, camping. I am looking for a mature person who likes to go out, between the ages of 28-36, average weight. Someone who likes pets and would like to go horseback riding.

Code 35525 '57 T-Bird, low miles, looks and runs great, seeks '67 Mustang for fun and competition. No rust or dents, please! Translation: Single white male, 35, 6'2", 210 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks single white female, 25-30 without children who loves autoracing. I'm a college-educated professional, non-smoker, light drinker, who actually believes the Red Sox will win a World Series in my lifetime.

Code 34123 Dance partner wanted by single white 44 year old male. Dance instructor says it's time to buy dance shoes and find a dance partner for ballroom dance lessons and practice.

Code 34041 Hi, I am 22 years old. The man of the 90's is looking for the women of the 90's. I am a non-smoker and non-drinker. I like to have fun, be with someone. Just call or write and I will be there for you.

Code 34012 SWM, 24, shy. Seeks SWF, 18-28 for a serious and honest relationship. I am a non-drinker, non-smoker and non-drug user. I like to go out dancing and to the movies. All responses answered.

Code 35722 135 year old married pink Martian who chain smokes, is in a permanent stupor, stands 4'9", weighs 250, dropped out of kindergarten, is terminally unemployed and allergic to romance, fine dining, sunshine, earth and its dating activities/rituals, seeks an opposites' attract relationship with woman who is smart enough to know I'm just different - not all of the above (tip off: Martians are allergic to smoke). Also, she should be 20-40, cute, fit, smart, ready for romance/cuddling. I am! Will answer and reimburse costs of all qualified respondents.

Code 34035 Single white male, 5'11", 180 lbs., 27, professional, non-smoker, light drinker, non-drug user, honest. I enjoy sports, outdoor activities, movies, staying home with someone special. Seeking single/divorced white female, 22-33 who is honest, attractive, ready for long-term relationship. I hope to hear from you. **Code 34058** Physically fit, single white male, 43, 6'1", 165 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoys the outdoors and good conversation. Seeks trim, single white female, 30-39 with similar interests. Please write or call.

Code 35407 Handsome professional, 36, SWM, non-smoker, light social drinker, 6'4", blue eyes, light brown hair, 240 lbs. Looking for that special long-term relationship. Interests are: Sailing, winter sports, daytrips, moonlit walks, dining out, candlelight and soft passionate kisses. Dislikes: fat women, smokers and doing drugs. I'm searching for a S/DWF, 21-42, very attractive, and being shapely is a plus (but no full-figured women, please) who's down to earth, warm and caring. Please send name, phone number and photo if possible.

Code 35650 DWM, 41, attractive, educated, professional. I'm interesting, fun to be with, optimistic and honest. I enjoy biking, picnics, sailing, the ocean, travel, skiing, the mountains, romantic interludes, enlightened and intimate conversation, the theater, music and much more. I'm 5'7", 160 lbs., brown hair and eyes, physically fit and enjoy meeting people.

Code 35681 DWM, 47. Want to be treated like a lady? Well, I am a very sociable man that knows how to treat a woman right. I prefer a non-smoker between the ages of 35 and 45. Who also enjoys playing basketball, running, eating out, and beautiful mountain views. I am hardworking and financially secure. So if you want to be treated like a lady, let's have a sociable dinner.

Code 35285 Single white male, 5'6", 135 lbs., professional, 40, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, easygoing personality. Looking for woman under 40 for summer romance and maybe more; if the vibes are right. Have many interests - theater, movies, concerts, golf, hot summer days at the Cape, etc. Like healthful foods and am physically fit. Enjoy getaway excursions and being spontaneous. Hopefully you are fit, a non-smoker, intelligent, attractive, family-minded, and have some similar interests. To find out more, please write and tell me about you! Include your phone number - thanks.

Code 36078 I am a 46 yr. old male who presents whole in the three primary areas of my life. Body, mind and spirit. I enjoy good clean fun. I do smoke, but am in the process of stopping. I love my sons, I love to write. I enjoy bicycling and most outdoor activities. I was successful in business for 15 yrs. I am finishing a master's degree in social work with concentration in private practice. My short-term goals is tomorrow - my long-term goal is a PHD.

Code 35605 SWM, 33, 5'7", 150 lbs., secure professional, handsome, charming, witty, down to earth, honest, good sense of humor etc. But this is no joke, if it sounds too good to be true, check it out. Some of my interests are bicycling, swimming, scuba, skiing, and cooking. I pride myself on staying physically fit. Social drinker, non-smoker. I'm searching for an attractive, physically fit woman in her twenties, with no children yet. She must be as serious about her career as she is about fun and relationship. Write, send photo, I will respond with my own. I wish you the best.

Code 36080 I'm a person with a warm personality, good-looking and a great sense of humor. I'm athletic, outgoing. I enjoy the beach, outdoors, family, dancing, working out, travel, good movies and fine restaurants with great company. I am looking for an affectionate, attractive lady, 22-42 who is outgoing and fun-loving. **Code 36085** Single white male, I'm 26, smoker but trying to quit. I'm 5'6", brown hair, hazel eyes, fit, 162 lbs. I like exercising, camping and dancing. I'm easygoing and open-minded. I'm looking for a girl with a good personality, attractive, and slender to just have a good time; if all goes well, maybe more.

Code 35245 DWM, 41, blond, green eyes, 5'9", 165 lbs. Love to golf, quiet times, country drives, sports on T.V. or live football or baseball, the beach, and warm starry nights. Hugs are a must. Non-smoker, social drinker.

Code 35594 One-woman man seeking long-term relationship. SWM, 38, 5'9", fit but not fanatic, honest, caring, casual and unconventional, non-smoker, social drinker. If you like offbeat humor and intelligent conversation mixed with long walks, movies, dining, cross country skiing and non-macho men, why not give me a try?

Code 35737 SWM, 27, 6', 150 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes. Works 2nd shift and weekends. Looking to meet S/DWF 24-30 (no children). I am honest, down-to-earth, quiet, attractive, very fit, intelligent, funny, romantic, non-smoker, social drinker. I enjoy the outdoors, playing guitar and keyboards, cuddling, watching some T.V., maybe a movie, perhaps a lunch date. Looking for a female with similar interests for a sincere relationship. Does a back rub sound nice? A lunch date? Serenaded by music? A kiss on the forehead? Foot massage? Bike ride? Entangling feet while watching T.V.? Please send letter with photo and possibly a phone number.

Code 36039 A CRY IN THE WILDERNESS? Friendly, mischievous, professional, single white male, 39, desires partnership with slightly untamed female soul. Values compassion, imagination, humor, passion, hard work, responsibility. Offers looks, health, smiles, understanding. Enjoys outdoors, nature, people, music, rest. Promises to listen/be wrong sometimes. Dearest woman with open eyes, will our echoes resonate?

Code 35523 I am an attractive, single white male with brown hair and brown eyes. I am 24 yrs. old and am 6'2" and between 170-175 lbs. I have a very nice and outgoing personality, and consider myself to be compassionate, warm, friendly and intelligent. My favorite activities include hiking, mountain climbing, boating, traveling, playing the guitar, dining out and going to the movies and live shows. I am interested in meeting a single white female who is attractive, slim, has a good personality and sense of humor, preferably a non-smoker and not a heavy drinker, and who has many of the same interests that I have. Also, this person would have to be between 21-30 and share the same religious belief, which is Catholicism or any Christian religion.

Code 35946 SWM, 35, brown hair and eyes, 5'10", non-smoker, social drinker. I am quiet but caring, non-professional. Looking for S or DWF for meaningful relationship. I enjoy listening to oldies and top 40's, dining out, movies, and quiet times at home with special girl.

Code 35944 Non-smoking gentleman interested in ladies 50-60, who are in charge of their lives and who might be into tennis or skiing, and those who are not opposed to adventures and excitement. Also, an interest in theater, mostly musical. Mature figures are fine with me.

Code 35758 Young man wants young woman. SWM, 23, 5'7", 165 lbs. I'm professional, college educated, clean cut, and secure. My interests include dining out, socializing, and of course, all sports. Seeking SWF, 21-25, 5'7" or less who has goals in life, preferably with college degree, but as with everything in life, a degree is not the end-all. Make my day - write or call.

Code 36047 White male, 5'7", 160 lbs., 29, shapely built, French, Italian, English, German, never married, no kids. Fell in love only 7 years ago. I enjoy going to the country, walks, pool, fishing, camping, long rides, playing with kids. Self-employed. Honest, caring, self-supporting, considerate, loveable, understanding, romantic, smoker, will quit.

Code 36090 48, 5'10", 175 lbs., average build & looks. Likes quiet night at home, cuddling on the couch, C&W music. Looking for a woman with similar interests for long-term commitment. Smoker & social drinker o.k. Drop me a line, I'll be waiting. All replies answered.

Code 34036 Lonely? Let's share fun, friendship and/or romance. Attractive, divorced white male, 40, 6', 180 lbs., non-smoker, sense of humor, enjoys movies, dancing, travel, seashore, dining, sports, NASCAR racing, fitness workouts, and romance. So you single/divorced females, 25-30's don't mope at home when you can get out with a real nice guy.

Code 34028 DWM, 30, not in to be scene. Looking to meet special lady. Enjoy weekend getaways, Fenway Park. Have strong values, gentleman, so don't be shy to give me a try, to show you how a lady should be treated.

Code 34000 SWM, 24, 6'1", 170 lbs., easy-going, non-smoker who enjoys anything outdoors, music, sports, movies, dining out, quiet times at home. I'm tired of playing games, looking for honest WF with sense of humor who enjoys being treated like a lady.

Code 35381 Single white male, 39, handsome, 5'10", 175 lbs., non-smoker or drug user. I enjoy outdoor activities such as barbecuing, beach, hiking, camping, canoeing, gardening, boating, fairs and scuba diving. I like to travel to different places such as historical areas of interest or visit museums, aquariums or other cultural events. Dining out is nice, but candlelight dinners are better. I'm honest, caring and trustful. I don't have any health problems nor do I wish any. I enjoy a good bottle of wine and country living. I would like very much to meet an attractive, white female, 30-42, 5'-5'8", who is shapely, non-smoker, trusting and caring, who would be my best friend first and then see where it goes from there. Photo if possible and phone.

Code 36045 Divorced white male, a young 50, 5'6", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys car shows, picnics, conversation, romantic evenings at home, yard work. I have a

steady reliable income. I own my own home and several classic cars. Looking for a lady, 5'6" or shorter, 30-45, smoker o.k., for possible long-term relationship.

Code 35976 White male, 30. I'm a romantic looking for someone to share some time with and build a relationship that could grow into something great. Likes movies, dinners out, going on drives nowhere and walk in the moonlight or quiet evenings in. No smokers, will respond to all.

Code 36042 Divorced white male, 34, 5'10", 180 lbs., physically fit and financially secure. I enjoy good music, good food and good company. If you like motorcycles (Harley's) and like to ride, write me. Age, color or weight is not important, an easygoing, laid-back personality is much more preferred. Photo would be nice.

Code 36045 Divorced white male, a young 50, 5'6", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys car shows, picnics, conversation, romantic evenings at home, yard work. I have a steady reliable income. I own my own home and several classic cars. Looking for a lady, 5'6" or shorter, 30-45, smoker o.k., for possible long-term relationship.

Code 34081 Very nice looking, slender, divorced white male, 44 looks in 30's. Intelligent, affectionate, caring, open, loves outdoors, boating, dancing, movies, conversation, reading. Social drinker ok.

Code 34077 Single white male - I'm a good-looking, athletic, intelligent, honest, sensual and compassionate man with a successful, satisfying career. I enjoy dining, walking, movies, Tanglewood, sports and stimulating conversation. I'm looking for a sincere, pretty, interesting, affectionate, kind, and optimistic woman, 30-45 for a loving, equal relationship. Please write (only) and tell me what you're like and what you like.

Code 36069 WANTED - (preferably alive) one hopeless (I'm one too) romantic with great

sense of humor. Must like sunsets, sports, slow dancing, long talks, walks, long drives and comedy. REWARD - a great guy (if I do say so myself), a divorce in progress, white male, smoker, 24, 5'7", 160 lbs., good-looking professional. All replies answered.

Code 35941 Wanted: Girlfriend to be my best friend! I am a SWM, 30, sensitive, compassionate, passionate, funny, good-looking, no kids (yet!). Okay Cupid, fire off a direct hit. Please send photo and phone!

Code 35625 SWM, 32, seeks young minded female for serious relationship. I work nights, so day outings and lunch dates would be nice. I'm 5'11", medium built, reasonably attractive. Interests include hikes, biking, most music, scuba, many more. Frequent commuter to Springfield area. Phone and photo if possible.

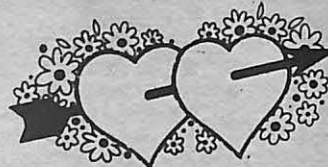
Code 35586 Hi! Very quiet, shy, country single romantic gentleman. Nice looking, 5'11", 195 lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, clean-cut, white male, 38. I am so tired of playing games. Secure, blue-eyed, 6'1", 200 lbs., graying hair and beard. I enjoy gardening, motorcycles, cooking, country living, flights of fantasy with soft landings, Caribbean vacations.

Code 35580 Male, 23, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 200 lbs., hard-working, honest, sincere, caring person. Like to take long walks, listen to music. If you love to swim, bike ride and the outdoors, then I'm the one for you. I'm willing to try new and exciting things. Send photo and phone number.

Code 36088 Not rich/don't have nice car, don't watch sports. What I want isn't tangible, but sometimes you can almost touch...I love people and give to life. Believe in God. Most days believe he believes in me. Don't drink or drug. I may not remember your name right away, but I'll remember what we shared instantly. So let's share! 28, 6', brown hair, brown eyes/women look & think: "TROUBLE."

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